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Man charged with girl's murder in Guildford bomb attack

man was charged yesterday with the murder of a young VRAC recruit who died in the Guildford public house ombings in October. He is to appear at the magistrates' purt in the town today. For security reasons his name and ther personal details have not been disclosed. Ten other men nd two women were still being questioned by police officers

in Guildford last night in connexion with the bombings, which claimed the lives of five people and injured 65.

Marian and Dolours Price, who are serving life sentences at Brixton for their part in the Old Bailey car bombings, vesterday called off their hunger strike. In Northern Ireland. custody orders have been issued for 18 men.

Police interviewing 12 people

ım Clive Borrell ildford

A man is to appear at Guild-al magistrates' court today rged with the murder of a ng WRAC recruit who died en a public house in the town ; hombed eight weeks ago. en other men and two men were still being quested by detectives in Guild-dlast night in connexion with hombing of two Guildford like houses, in which 65 ple were intured.

ir Christopher Rowe, Assist-Chief Constable of Surrey, that for security reasons would not disclose the name any other personal details the man who had been iged. The charge names Miss pline Slater, aged 17, a rait of only three weeks, of mock, Staffordshire, as the

liss Slater, with many other ng retruits from the Queen aboth Training Depot at Idford, was attending a bday party in the Horse Groom public house, North et, Guildford, on October hen a 10 lb gelignite bomb oded in the crowded saloon

r Rowe stated that during weekend about 20 people been taken from their s in the London area and coned at Guildford in conan with the two bomb lents. The second bomb was pards from the first, in the n Stars public house. lice investigating the bomb ents are looking for other le but do not expect any arrests.

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dent James Neville, head of Scotland Yard's bomb squad, spent many hours at Guildford last night helping the Surrey detectives interview those who had been demined

had been derained. Mr Peter Matthews, Chief Constable of Surrey, hurried to Guildford police station last night soon after the man had been charged. I understand that the Surrey detectives expect further charges in connexion with the bombings later this

Custody for 18: After three weeks in which only two men were detained without trial at the Maze prison at Long Kesh, Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, has issued interim custody orders for 18

His action, reversing the policy to phase out internment, comes after two months of sectarian warfare in Belfast in which more than 20 people have been killed. Most of them were Roman Catholics.

Most of the new detainees are Catholics, too. Of the 18 men, 16 are members of the minority community and only two are

Expulsion orders: Since the new anti-terrorist measures became law at midnight on Friday, the Home Secretary has signed six orders to exclude undesirables from Great Britain (a Staff Reporter writes). It is understood that in spite of intensive inquiries only one man has been detailed so far

under the new Act. Since the measures allow a 48-hour appeal

period, he had not been named last night.

Price sisters abandon their hunger strike in jail

By Robert Fisk and

Tim Jones Dolours and Marian Price, the London car hombers, have ended their hunger strike in Brixton prison after three days. It was acutely embarrassing to the Provisional IRA. They took their decision after a visit from their father, Mr Albert Price, who is believed to have told them that if they did not end their protest they would be instructed to do so by the Provisionals.

Mr Price, who saw the girls at Brixton on Saturday night, would make no comment but the Home Office confirmed yesterday that the sisters had taken a meal, believed to have been cold beef and chips.

Provisionals in Belfast and Provisionals in Belfast and Dublin had decided that nothing would be gained if the sisters died, that Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, had no intention of transferring them to prison in Ulster before Christmas whatever the pressure, and that public opinion in the Roman Catholic community the Roman Catholic community Northern Ireland would not behind the sisters after the Birmingham bombings.

A Belfast republican sympathizer who keeps in close contact with the Provisionals said yesterday that he had never realized the sisters had not obtained a written guaran-tee from the Home Secretary promising their return to Northern Ireland. He said it was "naive" of them not to ow a 48-hour appeal have demanded it. "Previously they had something to gain from their strike, but this time Net closes, page 2 it would have to be to the

die as Boeing crashes near US base in bad weather

the British would not 'wear' the girls' transfer to the Six

Mr David O'Connell, the IRA chief of staff, suggested that the sisters might be told to give up their protest, in an interview in the Dublin newspaper, The Sunday Press.

IRA supporters in Belfast are expressing the view that after the fires at the Maze prison at Long Kesh and the subsequent street demonstra-tions, people would have been in no mood to stage more pro-tests over Christmas.

One Republican said that the sisters' mother was ill in the Royal Victoria hospital in Belfast and that Mr Price was too old to stand the strain of another predament fact by his another prolonged fast by his daughters. The Sinn Fein organization, he said, already had "enough on its plate". that the IRA's campaign is to continue.

The Provisionals, he said, were still "carrying out an in-vestigation" into the Birmingbombings, and the letter box bombing in London had not been ordered by IRA leaders. He also said the IRA were not involved in revenge sectarian assassi-nations in Northern Ireland, a claim which is likely to be regarded in Belfast in much the same way as statements from Protestant extremist groups saying that they have ably forthcoming in his views on civilian bombings, although

two occasions there was "a long pause" before he ans-wered their questions. "The fficucy, apart altogether from the morality, and one is not saying that the morality must be ignored, it cannot, but, dealing just with the efficacy of bombing civilians, it has been shown that it is not of great worth. . . to bomb civilians, just because they are civilians, I would class as murder."

Of the sectarian killings in Ulster, Mr O'Counell declared:
"None of those are Provisional
IRA reprisals. We are completely satisfied that none of
our units are involved in the shooting of innocent Protes-tants. We do not support such actions in the least."

In Dublin the Official Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Official IRA, has again condemned the Birmingham bombings. Mr Thomas MacGiolla, the Sinn Fein president, described Mr O'Connell's refer ence to investigations as "a sick joke". He called on the IRA to end its bombing campaign and said that leaders of the Protestant private armies should order their men to stop future sectarian assassinations. "No Christmas truce": A

representative of the Provisional IRA's Belfast Brigade has said it will not declare a Christmas truce this year (the Press Association reports). The last such truce was in 1972. The Belfast Brigade said

"Other truces have been vio-lated by the military who used

Herr Schmidt's talks with other European leaders improve prospects for EEC Paris summit

From David Cross Brussels, Dec 1

.The prospects for the furth-coming EEC summit meeting in Paris appeared brighter tonight after a series of talks between Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, and other European leaders.

At the end of a two-hour meeting in Brussels with Mr. Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Prime Minister, Herr Schmidt told reporters he thought real progress could be made in Paris on a number of outstanding points. Herr Schmidt was on his way home after his weekend talks with Mr Wilson at Chequers.

Last week he conferred by tele-phone with President Giscard d'Estaing and further contacts with European leaders are planned before the summit meeting, arranged to take place on December 9 and 10.

The Chancellor was particu-larly gratified at the warm welcome he received at the Pipes of peace: Mr Wilson and Herr Schmidt at a press confer-Labour Party conference. Some ence before the West German Chancellor left London yesterday. agreement on the Labour Government's EEC renegotiation affairs." At all costs, the monetary questions like the demands appears to have been failures of earlier summits in problem of recycling petroworked out at Chequers, and the subject may not now figure prominently on the Paris summit agenda. Originally, Mr Wilson was expecting the summit to make some substantial progress on this point.
Mr Tindemans told report-

ers that the summit must be made to be a success. It must fix a number of concrete objectives "limited in their scope but realistic and realizable in the present state of European

failures of earlier summits in Paris in 1972 and last year's

Copenhagen meeting must be Informed sources said that the areas where agreement was most likely in Paris included the setting up of the longawaited European regional de-velopment fund, a timetable for direct elections to the European Parliament, regular informal meetings of EEC heads of govand progress on economic and

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The widow of M Robert

"In his moments of leisure,

he wrote Prelude charnel, but could not take the risk of

acknowledging authorship with-

out damaging a solid social reputation."

By present day standards, the

Denoël, author and publisher, who was assassinated in 1945,

dollars. Other institutional questions, like the more regular use of majority voting in the Council of Ministers are likely to be shelved for the time being. The British, in particular, were opposed to this idea on the ground that it could undermine sovereignty over some EEC decisions.

hook would seem quite harm-

less. It was the story of his wedding night related by a

nephew to his uncle, counsel

explained.
Notions of morality having,

meanwhile, undergone change.

M Coureau, who was then over 80 and retired, decided in 1970

to reap the popular acclaim to which he felt entitled for his literary escapade.

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Schmidt-Wilson talks, and Summit package proposal,

Vorster trip Two widows fight to save their husbands' bad name From Charles Hargrove Paris, Dec 1 detente? Two respected members of the French establishment are fighting, 40 years after the event, a posthumous legal battle

From Michael Knipe Cape Town, Dec 1

The trip is believed to have been connected with recent indi-cations of a more pragmatic approach to black Africa and a developing détente with Zambia.

Because of the sensitivity of both black and white gover, ments the diplomatic moves have been shrouded in secrecy. However, according to a report in Die Burger, the Nationalist Party newspaper in the Cape Province, Mr Vorster, accomcials, was on board a specially chartered South African Airways Boeing 707, which took off at 3 am from the D. F. Malan airport at Cape Town two months ago. A false flight plan

The South African delega-tion is said to have had talks with President Houphovet-Boigny of the Ivory Coast and President Leopold Senghor of Senegal at Yamoussouliro, President Houphouet-Boigny's estate. The French African estate. The French African states have been the most sympathetic to the idea of a dialogue with South Africa, but in the past there has been intense

According to the South African reports, West German diplomats assisted in the dis-cussions when negotiations looked like breaking down.

Overseas selling prices

to Abidjan in search of

The South African Government has declined to comment on reports that Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister, recently made a secret visit to Abidian, the capital of the Ivory Coast.

and that of M Robert Coureau,

industry.

opposition from the rest of black Africa.

Die Burger reported that the black leaders gave Mr Vorster a surprisingly favourable recep-

rescue efforts because of its secrecy. "We provided ropes, trucks and personnel to help in Washington, Dec 1.-Sheriff's officers said they had sealed the crash site on orders of federal security agents from

an industrialist, who died in 1973, claimed last week before client's husband. a Paris court, each for her husband, the authorship of Prelude charnel. On his side, Me Rozelar-Vigier pleaded that the style of the Prelude charnel was to the 1930s what Histoire 6'0 another work written under a pseudo-

of the hand of M Denoël, a great amatem of barrack room stories, and practical jokes. nym, was to erotic literature in The presiding judge ruled the 1950s, and Emmanuelle that the court would give judgtoday. It was published under ment in January, when it had had time to read the work, visipseudonym of Robert

ermaise. "At the time," Me Kiejman, er Mme Coureau, told the bly amused by this rearguard battle of authors, the judge added that it was strange that court, "to be the author of an a treatise on the flesh should erotic work was not without give rise to such difficulties of risk. Moreover, at that time M Coureau was a very serious man, a graduate of the Ecolo Polytechnique, a grand bour-geois, president and managing Lucan report director of 23 industrial firms in eastern France, and author of several weighty tomes on

groundless

Cape Town, Dec 1 .-- Cape Town police today described as groundless a report that Lord Lucan, who is wanted in connexion with the murder of his children's nanny, was in South



Areflection of good taste Blue Nunfrom SICHEL right through the meal.

There is no immediate explan-

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Stonehouse a Smith 'emissary' seeks MP's Bael Horsnell Nice in Miami yesterday view on Rhodesia

ed to investigate the ity that Mr John Stone-Mr Arthur Bottomley, Labour MP for Middlesbrough. East, and a former Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs, has had an approach from an unidentified Rhodesian seeking his views on the Rhodesian situation on behalf of Mr lan Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister. Mr ago, may have been al, his former parliaprivate secretary said dd have been "desdd have been des-by the Mafia.

Alliam Molloy, Labour Ealing, North, who ser-er Mr Stonehouse when Bottomley says he thinks the approach is the result of new pressure on Mr Smith to get a constitutional settlement, caused by the rapidly changing situation in Minister of Posts and maunications, said the MP had made enemies

disclosed yesterday Stonehouse's car was Arab terrorists kill at Heathrow Airport Muslim in error

Two Al Fatah gunmen looking for Israel hostages in a house near the Lebanese border killed a man and wounded his wife before finding out from the couple's 10-year-old daughter that the family were Circassian Muslims. They told the child they were sorry and surrendered to Israel soldiers.

Early Smithfield start

Judging of about 100 cattle at the Royal
Smithfield Show began yesterday, a day early, because of pressure on slaughter-house space brought about by farmers rushing to sell their stock. Page 4

Growing redundancy fears in car industry

As thousands of car workers stay away from work today because of strikes or layoffs concern continued to mount about employment prospects against a background of steadily declining sales. Strong grounds exist for the belief that redundancies similar to those now being experienced in the United States and Europe could be on the way here.

Test century by Greig Tony Greig scored 110 runs in England's

total of 265 on the third day of the first Test match in Brisbane, Australia, attempting to consolidate a first innings lead of 44, finished on the defensive, losing two wickets for 51 in their second innings.

Nationalization Bill

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In an endeavour to limit parliamentary opposition to nationalization measures the Government is expected to table a single Bill early next year, embracing aircraft, shipbuilding, and marine engineering. But Mr Benn plans to publish a new Industry Bill before the Christmas recess, incor-porating provisions for the National Enter-prise Board. Page 17

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Diary Engagements

Ex-dictator's wife accused of fraud

denied Mount Weather.

A military officer acring as rumours the base had hampered

spokesman for the General Services Administration (GSA)

said in Washington that Mount

Weather was a classified instal-

lation operated by the GSA for

the Office of Preparedness. He

refused to describe the base or

spokesman

disclose its purpose.

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Mrs Despina Papadopoulos, wife of the former dictator, Mr George Papadopoulos, was remanded in custody yesterday accused of defrauding the state. A former confidential Government typist she was accused of continuing to receive her salary after abandoning her work to marry Mr Papa-

the rescue effort," he said.

Defence cuts: Labour left-wingers are unlikely to be satisfied with the results of the Government's review.

NUS conference: Students fear members of the Special Branch will attend debate on IRA bombing campaign. 2

Tied cottages: Battle lines being drawn by farming interests and agricultural union over government promise of abolition 3 Press Council: Somerset County Council complaint upheld over newspaper's publi-cation of "mischievous and misleading"

Bonn: Senior official of the Christian Democratic Party escapes after an attack on him by gunman.

Japanese Government crisis deepens after deadlock over who should become new Prime Minister.

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civilization that turned its back on the West. Diary: How can a country provide

facilities for tourists without des-troying the very charm which attracted tourists in the first place ? Arts, page 8 Derek Parker on The Tennysons: Buckground to Genius: Joan Chissell on the Leeds National Musicians' Platform: John

Musicians' Platform; John Higgins on An Evening with Hinge and Bracket. Obituary, page 16 Mr Philip Carratt, Mr Harold

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in detail.

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Stephenson examines the cost of
not building a Channel Tunnel.

Business Management: W. F.
Younger calls for a more human
approach in industrial relations;

Maurice Corina writes on a new Maurice Corina writes on a new company and its new cigarette.

Terrorist net closes but many sought have fled the country

By Tim Jones
As police yesterday investigated the London bomb outrage on Saturday it became clear that many men and women who would fall within the new anti-terrorist laws have fled the country.

A bomb thrown into The Talbot public house, in Little Chester Street, Belgravia, hit the brickwork before exploding, and ir was only thanks to the bad aim of the terrorist that damage and injuries were no worse.

second, better-aimed device, which smashed through a window into the crowded bar, fell on to the floor but failed to explode.

Five people were treated in but none was

Each bomb contained about 211b of explosives. The attacks followed the same pattern as the bombings at the Victory Club and Brooks's Club in Lon-

The Talbot, said: "I think the attackers knew that this was a crowded family pub on Satur-day night". Only capital punishment would stop such outrages.

Mr Jack French, licensee of two public houses nearby, said he thought that managers of local breweries would meet today to decide what precautions could be taken. At Heathrow airport Special Branch officers met all incom-

ing flights from Ireland and all baggage and hand luggage was closely examined.

In the number one terminal, where Irish flights leave, bomb precautions include the removal of doors from public telephone boxes and the sealing of letter boxes. Passengers will have to hand in letters at the airport post office.
Six men were detained and questioned at Heathrow on

Big arms find by Ulster troops in Newry search

YOUR CHRISTMAS TELEPHONE

Security patrols discovered scuffles during a right-wing 113 sticks of explosives, three demonstration against the IRA rifles and more than 80 rounds in Liverpool on Saturday. of ammunition in the Newry area of co Down yesterday. Many men from three Ulster Defence Regiment battalions, backed by Army helicopters, took part in a search which lasted several hours.

Newry is four miles from the border. The area south of the town is regularly the scene of armed assaults.

Customs post bomb: Police in co Donegal were interviewing three men last night after a bomb wrecked a British customs post at Killea, on the main Londonderry-Letterkenny road vesterday. No one was hurt. Liverpool arrests: Six people were charged with causing a breach of the peace after to go off in a public house.

George Best held hoaxer: Mr

George Best, the former Manchester United footballer,

arrested a man he heard using

hut. were

the word "bomb" in a telephone call from a Manchester hotel, Manchester City magistrates were told on Saturday. Mr Best became suspicious when he heard a man making a call ask for the hotel's private number. When he heard the word "bomb" in a second call, arrested the man and called

Joseph Aldridge, aged 51. of Withington Road, Whalley Range, Manchester, was jailed for three months after he admirted making a threatening

dial direct to many telephones in the following countries:

Switzerland, The Netherlands, USA, West Germany.

New Year will be accepted from 8.30 am today.

available for callers without full automatic service.

Pupils lured into IRA, minister complains

From Robert Fisk

Belfast Mr Patrick Cooney, the Irish Minister for Justice, has warned parents in the republic that their teenage children are in danger of being lured into the IRA. A few teachers, he said, had introduced "IRA philosophy" into the classroom to indoctrinate pupils.

Free drinks, cigarettes and gifts of money were made to trap youngsters into joining the Provisionals. They were then intimidated and terrorized to prevent them from leaving.

Mr Cooney does not always make statements with the autho rity of the rest of the Irish Cabinet but was nevertheless primarily responsible for the anti-IRA legislation introduced in the Dail in Dublin last in the Friday.

He was speaking in west Mayo on a theme which other Irish ministers have been expounding for several months: that the population in the South cannot remain divorced from events in the North.

Mrs Rita Childers widow of the Irish President who died two weeks ago, spoke vesterday two weeks ago, spoke yesterday of the "almost unbelievable degradation of the presidency". She was referring to a press report, printed, she said, without her permission, which described her as a favoured presidential candidate of at least

one political party. No one denied that, Mrs Childers said, and no one moved to protect the office of President. Her intention, announced last Wednesday, to run as a nonparty candidate if she did not receive a nomination from the party was made without contact with any party or with an intermediary. On Friday night it

decided that Mr Carroll O'Daly (Cearbhall O'Dalaigh), the former Chief Justice and Attorney General, should be the fifth President of Ireland. In Belfast last night a Roman Catholic man aged 70 was seriously ill in hospital after an assassination squad had broken



the morning, beaten him up, stabbed him in the head and chest and shot him three times. The man, Mr George Devlin, who owns an upholstery busi-ness next to his home in Whiteabbey, seems to have fought off

Two other men were shot in Northern Ireland during the weekend; a Roman Catholic was injured in the knees in Lurgan, co Armagh, and a policeman on foot patrol with a colleague in Londonderry was shot in the chest. Last night his condition

was improving.

A suggestion at the Labour

Party conference on Saturday by Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, that Roman Catholics would be in danger in Ulster if the British withdrew was condemned by Mr William Craig's Vanguard Party yesterday as an "ill-Party yesterday as an "ill-considered remark", since he seemed to be concerned only

for the safety of the Roman Catholic population. The Orange order also issued a statement saying that Mr Rees should ask himself who had been mained in Birmingham and Guildford.

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Authors in march against library closure

Authors and artists led nearly 300 people in a march through Lewes on Saturday in protest at an East Sussex County Council decision to close one of its two libraries

in the county town. With placards bearing slogans such as "Save our library" and "Books before bureaucracy" they delivered a petition with 850 signatures to the county library, which is in Southdown House, St Anne's Crescent, a former private

The county council proposes o close this library and distribute the stock to its other libraries. It says that the library in Albion Street, run by the town council before local government reorganization, was recently enlarged and can serve the needs of the town and district.

Opponents of the scheme say Opponents of the scheme say the extensions were to cope with overcrowded conditions. They also say that 7,000 books have been sent to the Albion Street branch before the scheme has received final approval of the county council. The petition was accepted by members of the staff at Southdown House in the absence of Mr Iohn Allen, the county Mr John Allen, the county librarian.

Possible site for **British Library**

A district of London near King's Cross is to be investi-gated as a home for the planned British Library. Greater London Council and Camden Council have agreed that the site near the British Museum which has been earmarked for more than 20 years, is no longer suitable for the library.

BMA cuts costs

The British Medical Association is making cuts expected to save £100,000 in its running costs, but wherever possible they will be only where aternative services are available.

Power cuts feared Britain's coal stocks could be

affected by any adverse factor and bring widespread power cuts this winter, Mr Patrick Jenkin, shadow Secretary for Energy, said on Saturday at Woolacombe, Devon.

Young Liberal rebuke South-east England Young Liberals at their annual meeting ar Worthing yesterday con-demned the Liberal Party for lack of action over its " status of women" campaign,

Road deaths

A woman was killed and a man was seriously injured when their car hit the parapet of a bridge at an M4 interchange near Winnersh, Berkshire, yes-terday. Another woman died in a collision on the A 41, near Hemel Hempstead, Hertford-

Deep freeze sheep
Sheep stealing in Scotland
is increasing, with Argylishire
apparently worst affected.
National Farmers' Union executives, who are asking chief
constables for more protection, blame increased purchases of deep freezers.

NUS fear of police 'spies' at debate

From Tim Devlia Education Correspondent

The National Union of Students yesterday expressed fears that members of the Special Branch will attend today's debate by the union on the RA's bombing campaign, which is to be held in closed session ar Margate.

It said that some Northern Ireland delegates to the conference also feared that if they debated in public they would be in danger of retaliation when they returned home.

The management of the town's Winter Gardens, where the con-ference of about a thousand delegates is being held, denied that it was allowing in members of the Special Branch. The only people allowed in were delegates, visitors and members of the press. Security was tight and the only entrance was securely

About a dozen members of the Winter Gardens staff were also in the building and might have been mistaken for Special Branch men, it said.

However, later two security guards employed by Margate Corporation were replaced by

two police officers.

Mr Patrick Braidy, president of the union of students in Ireland based in Dublin, which has 55,000 members, said: "There is a real danger that if what Northern Ireland students say in debate in Margate is reported they could well be in danger of retaliation when they return to Northern Ireland."

The National Union Students is likely to adopt a strong policy against the IRA's bombing campaign. Students from Birmingham University will lead the attack against "the hypocritical policy" which it alleges the union has pursued.

Mr Andrew Vallance-Owen, president of the university's Guild of Students, is likely to point out that in 1972 the NUS point out that in 1972 the NUS supported resistance to the Army and police and acts of "self-defence" committed by both wings of the IRA. Mr Vallance-Owen was one of the medical students who helped at the city's general hospital during the recent bombings Mr John Randall, president of the students' union, said that

of the students' union, said that after taking legal advice from the National Council for Civil Liberties, they had decided to hold today's debate in private because the anti-terrorist legislation was "ill defined".

The most significant step taken so far in the three-day

conference was the adoption of a campaign by female members of the union to abolish all forms of discrimination against women in higher education.

Miss Susan Slipman, the only woman on the union's national woman on the umon's national
executive, said that some
colleges, particularly medical
ones, had a quota system of
admissions which discriminated against women. of education still banned women wearing trousers and jewelry and technical colleges insisted on women doing courses on deportment in their secretarial

deportment in their secretarial departments.

The campaign was judged to be a resounding success and resolutions passed included one which would give pregnant students a minimum of 12 weeks materoity leave with no loss of grant.

Margate police said yesterday they would be taking no action against a student who threw a cannabis reefer on to the rostrum of the hall during a noisy debate on drugs. Communist elected: Mr Colin Beardon, President of Essex University Students' Union and a Communist, won an elec-tion for a vacancy on the 17strong executive, increasing the party's representation to four (the Press Association reports).

Defence cuts unlikely to satisfy Labour left

Political Correspondent

f1,000m a year, are unlikely to be satisfied when Mr Mason, of any of our major west Secretary of State for Defence, allies. announces the result of the Government's defence review in

the Commons tomorrow. He will stand by the Labour age proportion of the gr manifesto pledge that in bring-ing about a realignment of defence spending among Britain's fence spending among prisons are duce defence spending European allies there will be a reduce defence spending reduction in spending of several £1,180m a year, which reduction pounds over a roughly one-third of period.

period.
The latest reminder to Mr
Mason of left-wing views is a
Commons early-day motion,
tabled by Miss Josephine
Richardson, MP for Barking,
a member of the Tribune group,
and signed by more than 90
Labour MPs. Labour MPs.

It states that the serious economic position outlined in the Budget adds urgency to acting on a defence policy that brings military expenditure "into line with the spending of our main European allies . . . which would save at least £1,000m a

The motion also calls for the closing down of all nuclear bases, both British and American, on British soil or in British waters; and the abandonment of a defence policy based on the

use or threatened use of nuclear weapons. Those demands have been made repeatedly in resolutions passed at Labour Party conferences. A resolution in similar terms was remitted to the national executive at Saturday's

session of this year's confer-Mr Frank Aliaun, MP for Salford, East, a member of the national executive, who is also chairman of Labour Action for

Wilson in a speech to the Nor Labour left-wingers, who are continuing to press for cuts in defence spending of at least afford to carry a burden p Atlantic Assembly on Novemi

"That was an important prouncement. It means, if are to come down to the av national product spent by other Nato allies (excluding United States), that we m E3.362m total defence budg Mr Allaun said that w

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frontbench spokesman
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Labour conference,

Post Office claim is second in year

By Alan Hamilton Labour Staff

Union leaders of 200,000 Post Office workers have lodged a claim for their second major pay increase within 12 months. The Union of Post Office Workers, which represents postmen, sorters and other postal grades as well as several thousand telephonists, says that its four-point demand, which it wants to operate from January L is within the TUC guidelines and does not break the social contract, although it comes less than six months after the last

settlement For their regular annual pay award the postmen want con-solidation of the present £4.40 week threshold payments into basic rates, an extra proportionate increase to cover further increased living costs. an escalator clause which would give further automatic increases next year if the cost of rose above a specified level, and a change in pay scales to give a £30 minimum wage at

the age of 18. Last January UPW members were awarded a Phase Three increase which gave rises of between £2.25 and £7.39 a week, at a cost of £32m.

But in July they were awarded a further 11.5 per cent in a £50m "catching up" deal, after Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, had agreed to make the postmen a special case. The union now argues that because the July settlement was a special case sauctioned by the Government, it does not count towards the normal social contract understanding that there should be at least one year between pay deals.

Some postal workers had yet another increase last October, when London weighting in-creases of between £164 and

Bakers' pay cl: threatens bread supply

Hundreds of bakery ware expected to stay at today in defiance of union's recommendation ban overtime and Sunday ing in support of a pay Mr Stanley Gretton, a secretary of the Bakers, said last night that sh many districts might be bread.

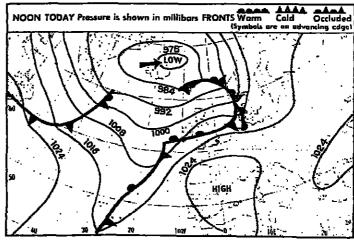
Bread should still be able, but from small in dent producers, who bake a quarter of the su Scotland is not affected. Mr Gretton said: "Se our members have deci continue to withdraw labour, but until the m we shall not know bow Two or three bakeries has

"I understand that the west Midlands took sion on Saturday that the not return to work on M About 33,000 workers "big three" bakeries. produce Sunblest, I produce Pride and Homepride are supporting the claim for an increase rates from £23.80 to £ an end to Sunday work
Mr Morris Zinn
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housewives should buy curb an impending bre Bakers would know w demand was likely to produce accordingly earlier it is, the easier i for them to bake thou loaves", he said.

NUM poll inquisibles Officials of the Union of Mineworkers vel to South Wales begin an inquiry into irregularities in last pithead ballot on the

Coal Board's productiv

Weather forecast and recordings



Today :

Sum rises : 7.45 am Sun sets: 3.35 pm Moon sets: 10.11 am Moon rises : 7.12 pm Last quarter: December 6. Lighting up: 4.25 pm to 7.16 am, Lighting up! 4.25 pm to 7.16 lm. High water: London Bridge, 3.7 am, 7.3m (23.8ft); 3.29 pm, 7.5m (24.6ft). Avonmouth, 8.49 am, 13.5m (44.2ft); 9.17 pm, 13.2m (43.4ft). Dover, 12.7 am, 6.7m (21.9ft); 12.29 pm, 6.6m (21.7ft), Hull, 7.40 am, 7.2m (23.5ft); 7.48 pm, 7.3m (24.1ft). Liverpool, 12.27 am, 8.7m (28.7ft); 12.46 pm, 9.0m (29.4ft).

A SW airstream will continue to cover the British Isles. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

SE England, E Midlands: Rather cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle in places; bright intervals; wind SW, moderate or fresh, strong locally; max temp 11° or 12°C (52° to 54°F).

E. central N. NE England: Mainly cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 11°C (52°F).

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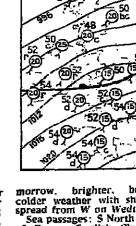
Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Mainly cloudy with occa-sional rain or drizzle, hill and coastal fog patches; wind SW,

reastal log patches; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 11° or 12°C (52° to 54°F).

W Midlands, N Wales. NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Mainly cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle, hill fog patches; wind SW, Iresh or strong; max temp 11°C (52°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Mostly cloudy and mild orecasts for 6 am to midnight:
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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; f. fair : c.



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Remember it pays to dial direct where you can

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Michael Baily ansport Correspondent

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"Rail and water have a potential for delivering goods, particularly bulk products, to major depots and in some cases to major industries. But no rail or water system can be for the cause of the supply of the country of the country of the supply of the country of the supply of the country of the supply of flexible enough or sufficiently widespread to provide for the vast number of individual deli-veries that are required to fac-tories, wholesalers, retailers and

only feasible means of catering for those needs, and large numbers of lorries will continue to be needed in London." The report leaves no doubt that the root of the problem is London's failure over the years to invest in an adequate road

metwork.

"Main roads in London are typically less than 40ft in width, fronted by residential and shopping activities, add are thus a focus of activity for pedestrians, buses and cyclists. There are also many physical limitations on lorry movement such as tight bends, weak and low bridges, and tunnel restric-

rust to rescue *l*erbyshire istoric homes Ronald Kershaw

The newly formed Derbyshire storic Buildings Trust differs m most bodies concerned th conservation in that its emion will be focused not on at and famous houses but on ryday buildings which are t of the country's architecal heritage and often an gral part of the landscape. The rrust, "dedicated to the cue of historic Derbyshire ldings at risk", will ourage interest in the techservation. A programme of Ration, research and pub-ity has been drawn. il problems arising from y has been drawn up. A I with a target of 5100,000 to be set up to buy property be restored and resold, the ney being used for further

port from local authorities I there is access to a governnt fund which contributes ind for pound to money sed. Help from landowners, astry, contractors and the tessions is being sought, and is emphasized that material, rice and experience are imme, as well as money.

Editors call for report on press freedom

The Guild of British Newspaper Editors urged the Prime Minister on Saturday to ask the Royal Commission on the Press to issue an interim report on press freedom as soon as possible.

A resolution passed at a meeting in Birmingham of the guild said the commission should examine the issues that have arisen from proposed "closed shop" legislation and from recent actions of the National Union of Journalists. The meeting declared that a "closed shop" in the terms envisaged would represent a surrender to trade union mili-taucy against the public interest

The guild president, Mr Frank Owens, pointed out that many editors had emphasized that nothing the guild said should be interpreted as being

The resolution deplored the recent action in declaring "black" all material other than that produced by NUJ members and regarded this as an alarming indication of the use that a militant union leader-ship could make of a "closed shop".

paper did approach the county council's representative, who told them he knew nothing about it. He (Mr Price) thought this set the record straight. Mr Harwood reiterated his

request for an apology and correction, but Mr Price said he could not see what good this could do. They had printed more than once a statement that there was no irregularity

that there was no irregularity. He would be pleased to pub-lish any letter and it would

not be aktered.
Mr Harwood replied that

there was no truth in the

inference of corruption, as Mr Price now accepted. The slur had been greatly resented. Members and staff were entitled

to an apology, and he enclosed

a statement of retraction and apology for publication.

The newspaper then pub-lished a statement that it had

lished a statement that it had never suggested or meant to suggest there had been corruption, but they did say incorrectly that police action was being considered by councillors. They regretted this but would point out that had they have able to secure a depial of

been able to secure a denial of this from a council official, it

lewspaper blamed over mischievous' report

The Press Council has up-ney's statement which was da complaint by Somerset longer and more informative my Council that the West-than Mrs Phillips's. The news-Daily Press published a chievous, misleading and sponsible report and failed point an apology and correc-

he report complained of headed: "Serious domestic tter in Somerset—Secret be In West—56 on council led in to talks." It said gations of irregularities in al government were being estigated by Somerset my councillors. They would et secretly and informally next night to investigate allegations. The future of a mty council officer could be stake and a decision would taken whether police should called in.

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dr S. E. Harwood, county retary, Somerset County mail, complained to the edithat "allegations of irregriues in local government rues in local government re being investigated..."

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this from a council official, it would have been published.

Mr Price told the Press Council he totally denied that the newspaper published a mischievous, misleading and irresponsible report or that there was an obligation to print an applicant. Their reporter. Mr full apology and correction set out in a statement ued by Mrs P. E. Phillips, urman of the policy and

apology. Their reporter, Mr David Tanner, had said in a statement no one would speak to them on the night in question the night in ources committee. This said she had invited tion concerning rumours and inty council members to an conjecture. ormal gathering to discuss It was a newspaper's job to seek out the truth and publish it. This he was resolved to do in the case of the county counif the chief exerve, Mr Maurice Gaffney, iniding the possibility of his
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Mr Eric Price, the editor,
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Mandatory heavy lorry | Five-day week and other attractions make jobs on Mersey sludge boats among most sought by seamen

Sailing under flag of many conveniences

of local government reorganiza-tion was that the City of Manchester lost its own fleet of seagoing ships. The good ships Gilbert J. Fowler, Percy Daw-son and Mancumium, and the Salford City, which was previously owned by Manchester's neighbouring authority, and the Consortium 1, purchased by a group of towns incorporated into the new metropolitan county of Greater Manchester, now sail under the flag of the North West Water Authority.

The change of ownership does not alter their regular voyages down the Manchester Ship Canal and the Mersey to a 15-fathom deep beyond the Bar Light; nor does it alter the fact that jobs on board are among the most sought after in the whole of the British mercantile marine.

With their gleaming black topsides, spotless red decks and creamy-buff funnels and upperworks, they are still admired as the smartest, cleanest ships to be seen plying in those crowded waters. The Gilbert J. Fowler and Consortium 1, built just over two years ago at a cost of nature of the ships' task comes

Regional report

John Chartres Manchester

bow thrust jet propulsion units. Portions of their decks are thanked our for quoits and other amusements, all crew members have single cabins

and the food is excellent, with curry a speciality in the Gil-bert J. Fowler. Nearly all the ships' companies have had up to 12 years' deep sea experience, and one of the main reasons for the vessels' popularity is that the nature of their task provides for a five-day week, every weekend ashore, and a normal home life. The seamnship required for a prayingsing the

required for cavigating the canal provides a challenge. "The best job I have ever "The best job i have ever had in my life", was how Able Seaman Albert Hughes, who spent 12 years circumnavigating the world in refrigerated cargo ships, described his present berth.

A description of the precise

about £800,000 each, bristle a little late in this report with modern devices such as because one is apt to forget fingertip tiller steering, direct about it during the privilege of bridge control of engines and a trip on board. They are the

sludge boar fleet, and between them deposit about 1,500,000 tons a year of the final output of the Middle Mersey Effluent Treatment Unit's Davyhulme Works into the apparently all-absorbing waters of Liverpool Bay.

The fleer's home base, still known locally as Davyhulme Sewage Works, has been under public Commons. minating in a Commons debate. Mr Lewis Carter-Jones, Labour MP for Eccles, used the phrase: "A stench by any other name is still a stench."

Mr Winston Churchill; Con-servative MP for Stretford, said that the stench in his own said that the stench in his own flat, a mile and a half to the south, was "unbelievable" and affected tens of thousands of people. He suggested that the sludge boats should be replaced by a pipeline.

Engineers admit that the works does smell a bit, but challenge the allegation that it

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affects "tens of thousands".
The problem is not one of
technical inefficiency but has
been created by the effluents
poured out by chemical factories. A study is being made
to find a solution which will to find a solution which will come within the cost effecti-veness demanded of local authorities.

method of final disposal in Liverpool Bay, which has been going on for nearly 80 years, was recently cleared by another scientific investigation of any risk of environmental, ecological, or piscatorial

Battle lines drawn for tied cottages struggle

Battle-lines are being drawn for the contest during the forthcoming year over the Government's promise to abolish agricultural tied cottages. Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, last week made firmer the manifesto pledge to bring tied cottages under the protection of the Rent Acts.

He assured the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers that drafting and con-sultation would start almost immediately, with a view to bringing in a Bill early in the next session. The plan to make do with temporary legislation restoring six months' grace to evicted tenants seems to have been abandoned in favour of pressing ahead with full

pressing ahead with full abolition.

The farming interests opposed to abolition are arranging a joint meeting under the auspices of the National Farmers' Union within the next few weeks. The NFU, poultry farmers, dairy farmers and the Country Landowners' Association all regard the Government's tion all regard the Government's proposals with alarm. The absence of a promise of legislation from this session's

Queen's Speech had been taken as an indication that the Government had been deflected once more from grappling with this complex and contentious issue. But the agricultural workers' union campaign has now elicited the firmest promises yet of action.

"We feel we have made some progress", Mr James Watts, the agricultural workers' union legal officer, said. "But there

to come."
In 1970 the House of Lords managed to weaken the protec-tion provided for tenants in the Agriculture Act, obtaining an amendment that a court could dispense with six months' grace for former employees in tied cottages if the efficient management of the farm was prejudiced. Any bill giving security of tenure for all tied-cottage
tenants will certainly be much
more bitterly resisted.

The NFU said it viewed the

legislation proposed in the Labour manifesto "with dire concern". It was unfair to discriminate against the farm industry when miners, police-men and even, it said, Greater London Council employees, had tied houses.

Farmers say the system is

essential to attract workers and to have workers like dairy stockmen immediately on hand. The agricultural workers' union's single sponsored MP, union's single sponsored MP,
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e iploym. , as well as leading to cases of hardship. Shelter, the housing charity,

is trying to persuade the Gov-ernment to phase out all tied housing, of which the 100,000 agricultural cottages comprise only a tenth. It sees the difficulties over tied housing as a reflection of the national housing shortage, but it said in a recent report that hasty legis-lation would lead to real disrup-

Shops to list top prices of subsidized foods

By Hugh Clayton
Food shops will be obliged
for the first time next week to display lists of maximum prices allowed by the Govern-ment for subsidized foods. This will be the prelude to further orders from Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices

secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, pegging the prices of those foods.

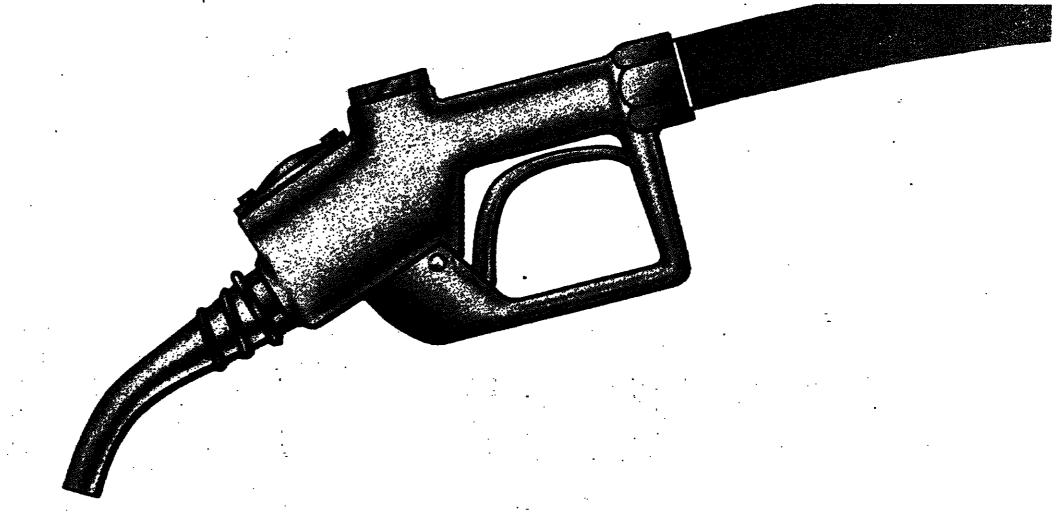
Mr Leonard Reeves-Smith, chief executive of the National Food and Drink Federation, which represents 10,000 independent grocers, said: "The whole idea of those notices is ridiculous. All the Government is doing is to introduce a new is doing is to introduce a new overhead. Everyone is going to pass the cost of this on to the public."

Shopkeepers who sell bread will be expected to display two notices about it from next Monday. Mrs Williams wants a notice headed "Statutory max-imum prices in this shop" to be displayed near the bread She also wants shops to dis-play another sign "more cons-picuously and in larger and bolder characters" on which

the authorized maximum prices for the three best-selling brands will be shown. Prices for bread have aiready been pegged to a maximum of 141p for a large loaf in most areas and Mrs Williams want to set maximum prices for all other subsidized foods except milk,

Butter and cheese are next

on her list and tea and flour will follow soon.



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MAXI 1750	4 6	47-5	45-0	41.0	35-5	30-0
MARINA 1-8		52-0	48-0	41.5	35-0	30-5

Figures by courtesy of Motor. @Mini is a Registered Trade Mark of British Leyland.



Early start for Royal **Smithfield** Show

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

Livestock producers' troubles began to affect the Royal Smithfield Show yesterday as the organizers said that they hoped the exhibition would herald a turning point in the fortunes of the industry.

Judging of about 100 cattle yesterday afternoon, before the show was opened to the public, because of pressure slaughterhouse Farmers are rushing to sell stock because of high costs of prices. It is believed to be the first time cattle have been judged on Sunday since the show began in 1799.

More than 500 pigs will be slaughtered immediately after show in response to an appeal from the Ministry of Agricul-ture to slaughter all pigs entered because of the prevalence of swine vesicular disease.

The ministry said yesterday that nine outbreaks had been confirmed in the past week ranging from North Wales and the Midlands on Thursday to west London and Devon on Saturday. More than 1,000 animals were slaughtered.

Mr John Ryman, chairman of the Royal Smithfield Club Council, said vesterday that entries of livestock and carcasses had risen slightly since last year to a new record of 1,713. The livestock entry of 1,297 animals was two head higher than last year. There were fewer cattle, more sheep and about the same number of pigs.

The organizers were delighted that the total pig entry had not cut when competitors learnt that their animals would have to be slaughtered. Mr Ryan said. As for the Sunday judging of cattle, "this is an emergency situation and we we shall not do it in

future Conference call: Mr Francis Pym. shadow Minister of Agriculture, called on the Government yesterday to convene a conference of all those interested in agriculture and sent his

acceptance in advance.
A long-term plan was essential to meet the threat of food shortace, he said. "It is a question of matching total world supplies to total world demand." Agriculture, page 16

Vote against women

Peterborough diocesan synod has voted by 75.59 against the ordination of women into the priesthood. The Bishop of Peterhorough, the Right Rev Douglas Feaver, voted against.

Bank.

Service.



Grading Christmas trees at Paddockhurst Estate, Turner's Hill, Sussex.

Cornish dishermen want curb on Russian fleets

Cornisb fishermen аге demanding action to curb huge Russian trawler fleets which, they say, threaten the existence of the Cornish fishing industry.

They are worried at the emergence of groups of up to 100 trawlers with attendant factory ships, which sweep through the fishing grounds just outside the 12-mile limit. One such group has been working the coast in the past few weeks.

"They are like vacuum cleaners", a fisherman said. "If they are not stopped, Cornish waters will be fished out in a

provides a living for almost 1,000 men. The fishermen estimate that one or two trawlers catch as much in a day as the Cornish fleet of 280 boats.

fishermen are also worried that a recent expedition by a Hull trawler may pave the way for the kind of industrial fishing that destroyed the east coast herring industry.

At a meeting with the Cornwall Sea Fisheries Committee in Truro on Saturday the fishermen called unanimously for regulations prohibiting fishing for mackerel, herring and pilchard in Cornish waters by boats of over 50 tons. They also want a 50-mile limit.

few years."

They were told by an official of the Ministry of Agriculture largely on the mackerel season, from October to March, and sign yet of over-fishing.

Protest at EEC food rule

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redress under an "outrageous" European Economic Community proposal which slipped through the House of Commons almost overnight of all the protection unnoticed last week, an MP

exempt manufacturers from stat- to protest.

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Housewives will be fobbed off ing the minimum weight of their with short-weight food without packages' contents. Instead they would need to state only an

average weight.
"This strips the housewife we have built up over the years alleged vesterday.

Mr Richard Body, Conservative member for Holland with
Boston, said the proposal would for shoppers, he said. Mr Body plans to lead a deputation to Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection,

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Independence of local councils could be at risk '

By Our Local Government Correspondent Local government could lose its independence if it is deprived of the right to raise its own revenue through the rates, Professor J. A. G. Griffith, Professor of Public Law at the London School of Economics, says in a pamphlet published

today.
Published at a time when the Government has just announced its biggest rate support grant to local government and increased its share from 60.5 per cent to 66.5 per cent of local government expenditure, the pamphlet provides a serious warning to local government that its powers and indepen-

dence could be at risk. Professor Griffith argues that central and local government need each other. The existence of those two groups of public bodies, each having statutory powers, resulted inevitably in both cooperation and conflict. (Local Authorities and Central Control, by J. A. G. Griffith (Barry Rose, 70p).

Heifer airlift

A Royal Marines belicopter rescued a heifer which was stranded on a rock at the foot of a cliff at Rame, Cornwall,

LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE

Herr Schmidt wins ovation after reproving delegates over EEC

Political Editor

Far from provoking a hostile demonstration by any untoward candour, Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, earned himself the tribute of a friendly ovation when he brought the Labour Party's special conference in London to a close on Saturday with a clear invitation to the British Labour movement to keep the United Kingdom soldiering on

His urbanity and command of graceful English combined to take all the sting and all the bruises out of his delicate regroof to delegates who only 24 hours before had carried a head-over-heels anti-European motion that would foreclose the outcome of the Govern-ment's renegotiations with the Eight. Nevertheless, it would have been a dull delegate who missed

the Chancellor's points.

Herr Schmidt quoted Shakespeare to remind his audience that
there is a tide in the affairs of
men that must be taken at the
flood—or else. He saw himself, he said, in the role of a man urging on a Salvation Army meeting the advantages of drink. He was not going to interfere with the British

Then he risked the once threatened walkout of some members of the National Executive Committee: "I would not serve the interests and expectations of my party in my own country if I suppressed the desire of your German comrades to have you there on our side within the Community . . . We are aware that your decision is coming. It will depend on the outcome of the renegotiation efforts made by Mr Wilson and Mr Callaghan, and upon one or two other things also."

He went on: "Your comrades on the Continent want you to stay, and you will have to weigh this if you talk of solidarity." (At that, some delegates applauded, and others sat still in courteous

wonder or disagreement.)

"Your comrades believe it is in your interest as well as theirs...
My party thinks the advantages of the EEC have greater weight than its stresses and burdens. We feel it provides us with the necessary means of cooperation which we need to solve the present-day crisis in the world's economic structure."

Herr Schmidt did not drive home its noist death enough to done

his point deeply enough to draw blood. Nor did he inflame the trade union leaders present, some of whom take the credit for help-ing in recreating the West German trade union movement after the war, when he implied that there

was a difference of some importance in trade union philosophies. "In the view of my party", he said, "there is only one reason why the West German economy developed—the philosophy of the trade union movement." There were relatively few strikes in West Germany; the trade union move-ment there had learnt the lessons of the solits between trade unionists during the Weimar Republic

and now had a strong influence, especially on legislation.

Herr Schmidt made clear that Mr Wilson and Mr Callaghan will find him a ready ally during the renegotiation in a radical remodelling of the common agricultural policy. He singled out the CAP as one of the mistakes of the past which the stocktaking due in Feb-ruary will bring to light. "We cannot afford costly surpluses", he said. "Nor can we hamper free world trade because of our CAP."

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But if he had any hints to drop about the West German Government's attitude to the redistribution of the EEC budget burdens, he held them back for his private talks on Saturday and yesterday with the Prime Minister at Chequers. It is there that United Kingdom and West German in-terests are in less easily reconcilable conflict.

In his survey of the world economy, brief as it was, Herr Schmidt revealed himself a strong supporter of concerted international action. He said the Crisis national action. He said the Crisis must not be overemphasized. So far it was a recession, a time for tighteming belts, but if it came to a depression "you might not have a belt to tighten, and if you have not pants to hold up, then it is going to be a panic." Yet he saw no need for panic.

For Mr Wilson and the Cabinet the special party conference came to an end without saddling them with any serious ambarrassments. But they will scarcely avoid anxious thoughts about the two party conferences to which they will have to give an account of their status of their service of their their stewardship next year, first on the European renegotiation and secondly on the economy.

Our Parliamentary staff writes : Herr Schmidt told the conference : "I certainly do not intend to interfere with the economic affairs of the United Kingdom or to give advice in pursuing the interests of my own people. But let me say frankly, that if we fail to establish close cooperation in order to cope close cooperation in order to cope with the risks of the present economic problems in the Western democratic societies, we do. I am afraid, put political stability at risk also, and might endanger our privilege to enjoy living in a democratic system."

Industrial states had to establish a stringent energy policy by setting aside any seductive ideas of oational prestige. They had reached a point where they had to create a formula which could integrate legitimate national interests and the dramatic need for common action. What really mattered was a worldwide effort to avoid any waste of energy, to invest in open-ing new or substitute sources of energy, to stand by with mutual

help in cases of emergency, and to do all that together.

In future Britain might be a little more fortunate in her oil supplies than others. But he was glad that nevertheless Britain and west Common agreed on the glad that nevertheless britain and
West Germany agreed on the
necessities which he had described.
All this would not be enough
if they should fail to bring about
an institutionalized and workable
cooperation between oil-producing national and oil-consuming nations including, of course, the oil-consuming developing nations, who were suffering most.

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The West German Government did not believe in confrontation with the oil-producing countries. Several proposals had been made in the past few months, like those by Dr Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State, and also proposals of President Giscard difference of France. d'Estaing of France.

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"I am convinced that the existing ideas and proposals comprise elements which can be so organized as to fit into a single scheme, a united scheme. They will be attractive, also, to the oilproducing governments. It is exactly that that I strive for, because I am convinced that oilproducing countries will also wish to see to it that the stability and oredictability of the world's predictability of the world's economic development be main-tained."

Herr Schmidt sald that "Our joint effort for a concerted foreign policy among the European states has been taking steps in the right direction so far ".

He had just returned from a visit to Mr Brezhnev, during which he got the clear impression that the Soviet leaders were seriously interested in the continuation of détente. They represented a very powerful state and a powerful alliance. "We ought to be careful in order to maintain the bal-ance of power."

Herr Schmidt said he had come to admire the down-to-earth atti-tude and pragmatic ability of Herr Schmidt said he had come to admire the down-to-earth attitude and pragmatic ability of British leaders to solve compilcated problems. That had proved tiself true again within the Commission and Council of the European Community. "Already the beneficial influence of your attitude in handling affairs has made itself benevolently felt.", he added.

Moderates meet on group policy today

By Geoffrey Smith

Political Staff A number of Labour moderat will be deciding today whether form a group that would be t counterpart to the Tribune gro

for their wing of the party. Last July, during the closi weeks of the old Parliament, son 50 of them came together unc the chairmanship of Mr Cledw Hughes to discuss how they cou best counteract what they saw the excessive influence of the I wing. At that meeting an inform committee or steering group v It 's that committee which v

be meeting today, although longer under the chairmanship Mr Hughes, who has been elect chairman of the parliament They will have five main issu

They will have five main issi to determine. The first is wheti they should "go public". To would mean having a list of me bers and registering with the church in the same way as tribune group. In that case the would be able to tell him formatoff the standpoint they had adop on specific issues in the hope influencing official party policy. The second point concerns The second point concerns declaration of aims. This will evitably be framed along gene lines, and will not include anyth that could inhibit anti-Europeam from joining. The group in they are moderates in a gene series pot a collection of sense, not a collection of p Europeanists under a flag of c venience. For that reason they particularly pleased that Mr T Urwin, an auti-Europeanist. was one of Mr Hughes's challeng for the chairmanship of the par. The third question to be decided in the many supporters should invited to the next meeting; fourth, how they should oper (perhaps by weekly meetings); fifth who should lead the group.

They want a collective leaders so that the view of the grosbould not be transmitted to outside world only by one m They are likely to have a preside a chairman, two vice-chairmen :

Delegates urge release of

jailed pickets

The National Executive Committee of the Labour Party intended to ask Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary, if it was possible to recommend the use of the royal prerogative in the case of the prerogative in the case of the two Shrewsbury pickets still in jail. Mr Bryan Stanley, a member of the NEC, told the conference. There were strong grounds for believing that the prosecution of the pickets was to a large extent pulitically motivated, he said, and arose directly from the anti-trade union posture of the former Tory

Government.

Be successfully recommended acceptance of a motion by the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians calling on the Home Secretary to act immediately to release the two men.
On Mr Stanley's advice the con-On Mr Stanley's advice the conterence rejected a motion by Birmingham, Handsworth, for the repeal of all laws "used against trade unionists". Wir George Smith, moving the successful motion, said the building industry experienced a prolonged and bitter industrial dispute in 1972 when some trade unionists were arrested and charged with various offences. Most received suspended sentences and fines, but six received savage prison sentences, and

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"The main issue is the use of the conspiracy law in industrial relations situations," he said.

Mr Rees rejects calls to free internees By Our Parliamentary Staff

Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, firmly rejected calls at the conference for an end to internment. He said: "I am not going to put the lives of civilians or British troops at risk for a political whim. I have to face realities." He wanted a planned withdrawal

of British troops and their re-placement by police. "But I tell conference plainly, and I do not think I have ever used words so carefully chosen, that a premature withdrawal would lead to civil war. withdrawal would lead to civil war.

I would not like to be responsible for the lives of the Catholic population in Belfast if that happened."

He added: "There will be a political solution in Northern Ireland. There is not a political vacuum in Northern Ireland. With york honourship exceptions. very honourable exceptions there is a vacuum of politicians there. They have got to face up to the responsibilities and to understand

"The politicians have to work "The politicians have to work for a political solution in their own territory. That is something the IRA do not understand. We do, as socialists. That is why the first step is to ask the people themselves to work together. We will never solve it. The people of Northern Ireland will."

Mr Rees was speaking in sup-

what they are saying when they say they are 'loyalists' and other-

Mr Rees was speaking in sup-port of a statement on Northern Ireland by the party's national executive committee, which backed the Government's

He said: "We have a respon-sibility in Northern Ireland. There is no other government there. The government of the South does not want it. We move forward towards fresh elections in Northern Ireland, structured to allow full discussion of the economic and social problems." More and more people were going through the courts, and it

was the aim to end detention.
But there were people who made
it clear that when they were released they would go back to
bombing and killing. Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, gave a warning that if troops were withdrawn now the consequences might be civil war. She did not think it would end there. "It is an illusion to sup-pose that all the other countries of the world would stand aside if they thought their own co-religionists were being massacred. sion to sup

"To absolve ourselves from responsibility might make us responsible for a more major war than anything we have yet seen. As soon as a political solution can As soon as a pointed solution can be found the Government will be the first to urge the withdrawal of the Army. We do not want our young men tramping up and down the streets of Beltast being shot by both sides."

Mrs Williams, who was replying for the NEC, said: "We are a patient people. We have, I think, a patient Government. But there has been Aldershot, the M50 bus business, there has been Guildford

and there has been Birmingha Sooner or later we have to ta steps to protect ourselves." To take it our on the Ir community was to misjudge w was responsible rish commun condemned what had bappen "We must not allow a wedge be driven between the people our movement, just because of our movement, just because o person was born in Ireland a another was born in Ireland." MR J. O'KEEFE (Sparkbrow Birmingham) said the Birminam bombs did not differenti between Irish and Engli: people of both nationalities willed. Yet in Sparkbrook, withas 10,000 Irish voters, there a hacklash Rehind it was

tas 10.000 Irisb voters, there a backlash. Behind it was sinister monster of the Natic Front. "I ware the trade unit tories. They are stirring He said that 99.99 per Irish people in Britai opposed to the IRA, "Bu

opposed to the IRA. "But we subject to insult. There are i lated cases of violence and petrol bombs in Irish homes." MRS TERRY HAINES (Dorkin said: "You cannot separ Ireland from us. We are people of the British Isles. 'cannot go on treating the interest of them have be there for six or seven years—I way they are being reab (Protests).

"They are still being tortun by the Special Branch. Release internees. Give them back the buman and civil rights. Remobility troops and have an international peace force.

Mr Mikardo finds a path through defence minefield

Cuts in military spending of at least £1,000m a year were demanded in a resolution which Mr Ian Mikardo, MP for Poplar, eloquently and tactfully persuaded the conference to remit to the national executive committee of the party. Put simply, he wanted it remitted as it was in conflict with the party manifesto put before the electorate recently.

Mr Mikardo told delegates that whenever there appeared to them to be a departure or threatened departure from the manifesto they would watch and guard the manifesto and, if need be, fight the Government on it: but the NEC would have no moral authority to to defend the manifesto if they had connived at any significant departure from it. "This resolution, worthy as it is, is a signifi-cant departure from the mani-

The resolution called for the closure of all nuclear bases, both British and American, located in Britain or British waters; and an end to British defence policies based on the use or threatened use of nuclear weapons.

The mover of the motion, Mr Ron Huzzard, of Orpington, was clearly unhappy with the forthright request to remit the resolution but, after hestating, agreed. So the resolution goes to the NEC where, as Mr. Mikardo and Mr Callaghan explained, it would be studied by the international committee, with the outcome of the defence review to be published next week. (Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Defence, who was listening to the debate, will be making a statement in the Commons tomorrow.

Mr Mikardo said there was no conceivable reason why Britain should spiend on arms a higher percentage of gross national product than other European members of Nato. It was a most open secret that there was an argument in the NEC about whether they should have put into the manifesto the figure of £1.000m cuts in arms expenditure.

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Such a cut would involve loss of jobs. But one of the reasons why they needed a properly planned and vigorous economy was to make sure that cuts in defence spending resulted not in loss of jobs but in changes of occupation from mak-ing instruments of destruction to making instruments of construc-

Clay Cross rent rebels get for human small comfort

At least 200 councillors in 20 local authorities faced troubles like those at Clay Cross, Mrs Lena Jeger, said. She successfully urged the rejection of a motion condemning the Government's actions over fines imposed on the Clay Cross

"It would be unfair", she said,
"to concern ourselves with only
one local authority when so many
more of our comrades are involved." Supporters of the motion
forced a card vote and it was
rejected by 4,375,000 to 1,173,000.
Mrs Jeger, MP for Camden,
Holborn and St Pancras, South,
speaking for the national executive committee, said legislation had
not been drafted on the question of
Clay Cross. They must also show
respect for the many councils and
councillors who with heavy hearts
had had to carry out the provisions
of the Housing Finance Act. of the Housing Finance Act.

Pledge to fight rights in Chile

Socialists and workers and their families in Chile did not stand alone. Mrs Judith Hart, Minister for Overscas Development and a member of the NEC, told the conference. Their struggle was Britain's struggle and the Government was committed to do avery ment was committed to do every thing in its power to restore human rights and democracy in

human rights and democracy in Chile.

Mrs. Hart was replying to a motion from Holborn and St Pancras, South, stating that the conference was appalled that the Chilean Government had been given until 1983 to repay £24m of its £124m debt to the British Government. The motion, which was carried unanimously, pressed the Government to revoke the decision and oppose any further renegotiation of the remaining debt until full civil and political rights were restored.

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Retirement." Here, with a foreword by Robert Dougall, is the answer to a lot of worries.

Need for cooperation emphasized at Schmidt-Wilson talks

v Dan van der Vat

Herr Helmut Schmidt, the Vest German Chancellor, and fr Wilson today emerged obvi-usly well satisfied with the suits of their intense discusons at Chequers yesterday and is morning.

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Mr Wilson described the nounter as a "very good meeting and very productive" when e spoke at a press conference to Northolt airport just before err Schmidt flew to Brussels and talks with the Belgians.

The Chancellor said he anted to emphasize that the iscussions had been "open, ank and thereby fruitful". he talks and the relaxed mosphere in which they had ken place had made a "very acceptable to the contribution to the contrib ibstantial contribution utual understanding.".

The main topics discussed icluded the British renegotifon of European Community embership terms, European ich as energy, the recycling of the revenues accumulated by the oil producers, unemployent, inflation and the Euroean Community summit due in aris next week.

The two leaders met alone for alf an hour both yesterday and is morning before calling in is morning betwee caring in the advisers. A working dinner if Chequers last night was followed by more talks which went numit nearly 1 am.

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among british infinisters pre-ent were Mr Callaghan, the oreign Secretary, Mr Healey, he Chancellor of the Exchequer ind Herr Schmidt's closest jersonal friend among British oliticians, Mr Lever, the Chanellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Mr Mason, the Defence

The two leaders said today hat they had agreed on the rucial importance of harmonizng national economic policies. his meant a conscious differenation of policy, depending on hat the problems of each ation were, but with a common im underlying the various seasures taken by various ational governments.

Herr Schmidt repeated his ell-known concern about the flation and unemployment and is threatened world-wide recesion caused mainly by oil price creases. He said that the talks ad brought the West Germans and the British much closer on inch things as recycling than any had ever been before. Both ides saw the need for cooperaon at all levels; with each ther, with other European ountries, with the United States nd Japan and between oil proucers and oil consumers. Mr Wilson said that there id been no negotiation as

such about British terms of

Community membership.
This was a matter which could be dealt with only in the framework of the entire membership of the Community. But Herr Schmidt repeated his view that the biggest room in the world was the room for improvement was the room for improve.
He thought a compromise over British renegotiation was possible, whereupon Mr Wilson chipped in to say that their meetings had taken place in the biggest room at Chequers.

Herr Schmidt, in keeping with his well-known political stance, said that there was no place in politics for either optimism or pessimism when asked how he thought the renegotiation process would end. Mr Wilson underlined the importance of maintaining the momentum of

renegotiation.

The two leaders said that when they spoke of differentiated economic policies with a spoke of the said that the common goal, they did not have in mind the "graduated integration" proposal put up in Paris last month by the former West German Chancellor, Herr Willy Brandt. Herr Brandt suggested that those Community members in a position to integrate economically should do so, while those which could not should be provisionally released from such

The occasion for Herr Schmidt's visit was an invitation from the Labour leadership to address the party conference as a "fraternal delegate" from the West German Social Democratic

Party.

He duly did so yesterday and scored a remarkable personal triumph with a speech which was one of his very best. The 20-minute address was tailormade for the potentially (though not actually) "sensitive" audience of a Labour conference. His reward was not quite an ovation, but certainly prolonged and warm applause for a subtle speech liberally sprinkled with

good humour.

The central burden of his speech was: "All I really want to say . . . is that your comrades on the Continent want you to stay, and you will please have to weigh this. If you talk of solidarity, you have to weigh it. Your comrades on the Continent believe that it is in their interests as well as in yours too."

A misunderstanding in Bonn last week led me to report in The Times on Friday that the Chancellor was going to speak without a prepared text. This was not the case and had never been Herr Schmidt's intention. Hence the Chancellor's denial in his speech that he was about to "shoot from the hip".

Gench postal trikers idmit defeat

rom Our Own Correpondent

The French postal strike yer. The sorting offices in the aris region, where it began, ill be operating normally The strike petered out graduly last week as one by one he sorting offices in Paris and he provinces voted to return work. The strikers were un-ble to get any further concesions from the Government han those agreed three weeks

Rome deputies may face corruption count

Rome, Dec 1.-Italian magistrates are seeking the removal of parliamentary immunity so thee can corruption charges against two deputies.

The men are Signor Salvatore Lima, under-secretary at the Budget and Planning Ministry, and Signor Egidio Carenini, at

the Industry Ministry.
Since May 1972 the Ministry
of Justice has forwarded 205
requests by the magistrature that deputies be allowed to face

Demonstrators occupy hurch in Bilbao

rom Our Correspondent ladrid, Dec 1

More than 500 people, mostly laives of political prisoners, copied a Bilbao church last ight and spent all day today tere to call attention to their nd for a full amnesty for political prisoners. They in-trupted Sunday masses by nging the forbidden Basque

y about 140 political prisoners intinued all over Spain in a emand for an amnesty. Most the hunger strikers are usques and six of them are

The Spanish hierarchy this ekend asked the Government "clemency" for prisoners, statement issued by the A statement issued by the ishops yesterday at the end of the twenty-first Spanish episconal also recomal conference also recom-lended recognition of human ghts. But its language was after than that of previous lurch communications, suggestig that the struggle between nurch and state is now less concunced than it was only 1 months ago, when Senor

Carluos Arias Navarro, the Prime Minister, failed in an attempt to exile the Bishop of Bilhao, Mer Antonio Anoveros.

The episcopal conference went on record as considering itself "obliged to support a profound evolution in our (state) institutions, in order to guarantee permanently the fun-damental rights of citizens, such as those of association, assembly and expression. For tee channels of participation for all citizens, individually as as in association, in polivical life . . . without arbitrary discrimination and with judicial guarantees for the exercise of this right, within the limits dictated welfare." the common by.

That statement was an apparent reference to the long promised and still undelivered government authorization for Spaniards to form "political associations". These are the regime's tentative and regime's tentative and very limited approach to political parties, which are forbidden except for the Falance-based National Movement

New rules set for Italian roadcasting network

rom Our Correspondent lome, Dec 1

The Italian Cabinet agreed n a new structure for the state adio and television network RAI) only minutes before the etwork's old constitution ran ut last night.

The stormy debate which receded the decree is being tterpreted as an early indicaion of the flimsiness of the nity of the Government—a calition of Christian Demorats and Republicans with exernal support from Socialists

nd Social Democrats. RAI has been accused of par-iality, of being under the influ-nce of the Christian Democrats nd of bad presentation. Four nonths ago the Supreme Court uled that RAI's monopoly on roadcasting was unconstitu-

Although the decree comes into force immediately it is likely to undergo modifications by Parliament before it is

Day to day control over the network will be exercised by an administrative council of 15 an auministrative council of 15 members, 10 of them appointed by Parliament and five by the shareholders. A Parliamentary commission and a national committee will have a supervisory role and lay down general

policy guidelines. The two television channels and three radio channels will have competing news services which have to be independent and objective.

In response to the Supreme Court's ruling, the decree allows cable television and relay stations to transmit foreign broadcasts but unofficial pirate stations remain banned.



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Names of the past: Herr Manfred Rommel, son of the Field Marshal votes in the election for mayor of Stuttgart, which he won with 58.9 per cent of the vote; in Bonn Herr Wolf Rudiger Hess demands freedom for

Bonn party official escapes shooting

Frankfurt, West Germany, Dec 1.—Federal security police today took charge of investigations into the attempted shooting of a millionaire opposition politician after a claim that supporters of the Baader-Meinhof urban guerrilla group were responsible.

Herr Walther Leisler Kiep,

aged 48, treasurer of the opposition Democrate Party escaped unharmed in the sauna of his home at Krouberg near here when a gunman fired three shots at close range through the door last night.

Police said they were taking "very seriously" an anonymous telephone call this morning to a news agency office here, when a man's voice claimed: "We take responsibility, the RAF."

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European **Parliament** plans are changed

By George Clark Political Correspondent

Proposals for direct elections to the European Parliament have been drastically changed as a result of discussions in the Parliament's political affairs committee, and they will not come up for debate and decision by the European MPs until Tanuary.

Many MPs who have been Many MPs who have been pressing for an early recommendation to the Council of Ministers, with a view to holding the first direct election in May, 1980, are deeply disappointed over the delay. They expected a full debate next week at the Luxembourg session of the Parliament. They fear that the proposals may be fear that the proposals may be the subject of further argument at the European summit con-ference in Paris

The present European Parlia ment has 198 members, who are delegates from the national parliaments. In the plan for direct elections, put forward by Mr Schelto Patijn, a Dutch Socialist, there were to be 355

A Parliament of 355 gave membership of: Belgium 23:
Denmark, 17; France, 65; Germany, 71; Ireland, 13; Italy, 66; Luxembourg, 6; Netherlands, 27; and the United Kingdom, 67. Under the revised plan for a Parliament of 550, membership

would be: Luxembourg, 6; Ireland 10; Denmark, 14; Belgium 24; Netherlands, 31; France, 108; Italy, 113; United Kingdom, 116; Germany, 128.

Chances of a package deal at EEC summit

From Roger Berthoud Brussels, Dec 1

Given a certain amount of optimism and good will, it is just possible to discern the outlines of a package deal on which the EEC's heads of which the EEC's heads of government might agree when they meet in Paris on December 9 and 10. It will be one of the tasks of their foreign ministers, at a two-day meeting beginning in Brussels tomorrow, to make those outlines a little clearer.

Several important external affairs dossiers also require examination tomorrow, and there will be a formal ministerial reactivation of the EEC's association agreement with Greece, with two Greek minis-

Greece, with two Greek ministers attending.

If all goes well at the summit—a big "if"—the French will get some progress towards direct election to the European Parliament (despite British and Danish reservations), an undertaking on greater use of majority voting in the Council of Ministers. a formula proof Ministers, a formula pro-moting future meetings of heads of government, and agreement on closer monetary

The Germans will get solemn promises at the least on more national discipline and Community consultation in fight against inflation, exchange for some reflation by

at last get their regional fund, hands.

with much of its initial proceeds flowing to them. The Durch might get some undertaking on the observance of community rules on state aid to development regions which distort competition. They would welcoment, as would Belgium and Luxembourg.

The British if Mr Wilson

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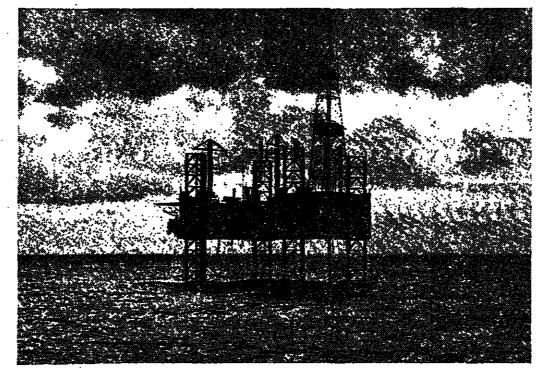
The British, if Mr Wilson plays his hand skildfully, could get recognition of the need for a mechanism to prevent any member state with a below average gross domestic product from paying a disproportionate share of the EEC's budget—a prime aim of renegotiation, which features again on Tuesday's agenda. They could, along with several partners, be heartened by a closer focusing heartened by a closer focusing on unemployment as a scourge equal to inflation.

One of the main problems of the foreign manisters and their two working groups of senior officials has been to surike a balance between the over-preparation of the 1972 Paris sum-mit and the underpreparation of last December's Copenhagen

The preparatory for the summit on the "con-crete" question of inflation, unemployment and social policy, regional policy, monetary cooperation and energy has now expanded to 31 pages. This reinforces the point made those with balance of payments by Mr Hattersley, Minister of surpluses (mainly the Germans themselves and the Dutch).

They should also get modest progress towards a Community energy policy.

The Irish and Italians would ment without tying their progress needed to focus the minds of the heads of government without tying their



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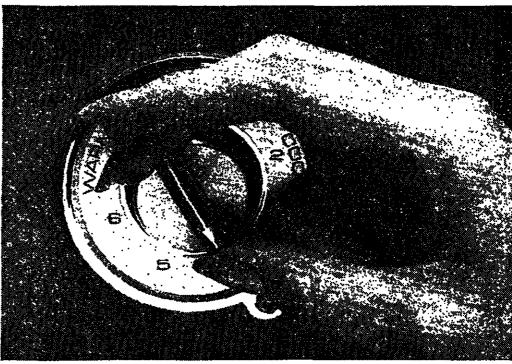
Britain is wasting energy. This is costing a huge amount in foreign exchange, in terms of oil imports alone. But, of course, any waste of energy in the light of the world energy crisis should be avoided.

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Palestinian terrorists surrender to Israel soldiers after killing Muslim by mistake

Tel Aviv, Dec 1

Two Fatah gunmen hunting for Israel hostages to barter for sisted that its young men beimprisoned Arabs slipped up last night. They seized the home of a Circassian Muslim family, killed the father and wounded the mother. After they had realized their blunder they surrendered to Israel

From leaflets in their possession, it was learnt that the terrorists had planned to hold Israel civilians in order to exchange them for Archbishop Hilarion Capucci, the Greek Catholic prelate who is on trial

penetrated three miles to the village of Rihaniya. Villagers said they raided the home of Subhi Bakir Abzak, aged 34, at 10.30 cm. They were 10.30 pm, minutes after the street lights had been extin-

Rihaniva is inhabited by some 600 Circassians, descendants of Muslims from the Caucasus who moved to this country a century ago after the Russians captured

Tunisians not to

VC10 hijackers

Beirut, Dec 1.—President Bourguiba of Tunisia was quoted today as saying that his Government would not put on trial the four Palestinian ter-

rorists who hijacked a British

Moreover, they would not be

handed over to the Palestine

Liberation Organization without

their consent, the Tunisian head of state said in an inter-view with the Lebanese news-

paper Al-Anwar. He added that

if the terrorists expressed a wish to rejoin the PLO "then

we would agree to handing them over ". - Reuter.

airliner to Tunis last month.

hand over

contrast to Israel Arabs, the Circassian community has inconscripted for service in the Israel defence forces, just like

Some have been killed fighting Arabs. A relative of last night's victim was killed in April in an encounter with terrorists in Kiryat Shemona.

The dead man's 10-year-old daughter, Jeanette, said the gunmen knocked at the door last night and spoke Hebrew. Her father opened the door and was killed by a burst of auto-matic fire. Her mother was victed terrorists.

Military sources said the terrorists crossed the Lebanese border yesterday evening and snot when she ran to his aid. One of the gunmen was accidentally injured in the hand, apparently by a ricochet.

The terrorists addresses

> sorry. seven-year-old Jeanette's brother left the house and ran to an uncle's house calling for help. It was unclear whether he escaped or was sent by the

From Edmund Stevens,

triumph

Palestinian state.

Moscow, Dec 1
Mr Yassir Arafat, the leader
of the Palestine Liberation
Organization, figuratively folded

his tent and left Moscow for

home yesterday. He had full reason to be satisfied with his

visit here, having scored another

During his five-day Moscow sojourn he received renewed

assurances of support for the PLO demands for equal parti-

cipation in the Geneva peace talks and the eventual estab-

lishment of an independent

brother who remained at home. One gunman suggested they head back to the border but the wounded man said he was not in a condition to make it and proposed his companion go alone. A few minutes later the house was surrounded by villagers, some of them armed. Guns had been issued to the village for protection after the recent wave of terror in Upper-

Galilee.

leanette they would not harm would strike across the border

PLO is to open Moscow

office after Arafat visit

The terrorists called through the window to the men outside that they would not give themselves up to the angry crowd but would surrender to an Israel officer. Jeanette was then posted at the window and she relayed messages back and forth until Israel soldiers arrived half an hour later. arrived half an hour later.

Mrs Azbek was taken to
hospital in Safed where she
was said to be out of danger
after surgery. She is pregnant.
At the victim's funeral in
Rihaniya this afternoon, Mr
Peres, the Defence Minister,
promised the villagers more promised the villagers more weapons for their protection, a security fence around the village and the illumination of terrorists. The gunmen told the perimeter. He said Israel

triumphs, at the October Arab

summit meeting in Rabat and at the United Ntaions General Assembly last month were also

successes for the new Middle East policy of the Soviet Union

which, ever since the expulsion

of Soviet specialists by President Sadat, has been increas-

ingly oriented towards the Palestinians.

week a PLO office will be opened in Moscow, with a staff

Razak Yahya, one of Mr Ara-

fat's close lieutenants. It will

have the virtual status of a

I understand that within a

three headed by Mr Abdul



Some of the 700 British doctors who took part in a protest in front of the Soviet Embassy in London against the treatment of Dr Mikhail Shtern, whose trial opens in Vinnitsa in the Ukraine today. He may be charged with poisoning Soviet children.

Mrs Meir sees appeasement as main danger By Our Diplomatic

Correspondent

Mrs Golda Meir, the former Israel Prime Minister, showed that she has lost none of her strength and emotional fire in public speaking, when she addressed a lionist Federation rally at the Albert Hall

"As far as Israel is concerned, everyone of us, our children and our grandchildren,

everything we have, will be devoted to one thing—not to allow terrorism, barbarism and injustice to rule us out of our national rights

Every single Israel govern-ment had been prepared to compromise on territory, she said. But as Chamberlain's policy had demonstrated, "you don't buy peace and comfort in the world by sacrificing other nations".

Mr Bottomley sees Smith 'envoy'

Mr Arthur Bottomley, Labour MP for Middlesbrough, East, and a former Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs, said yesterday that his views on the Rhodesian situation had recently

Mr Bottomley said he had known the intermediary for some years, and he thought the approach indicated that Mr Smith was under new pressures, because of the changed situation in southern Africa, to get a constitutional agreement. "I know from acquaintances in Africa that Mi Smith is now looking a very worried man", Mr Bottomley said

One of the new factors was that the South African Govern-

lessening.

Mr Bottomley said he had told the Rhodesian "emissary" that he was sympathetic toward Europeans born in Rhodesia Europeans born in Rhodesia who had made their lives there—but only on the basis of equality with the rest of the population. "I said that Mr Smith should make some dynamic move in which he acknowledged the principle of equality and ultimately of majority rule", Mr Bottomley said. He advised that Mr Smith should make such a public proshould make such a public pro-nouncement and then invite the leaders of all sections of society, including church leaders, and leader of the African

discussions because they are representative of roughly the broad mass of the Africans in Rhodesia", Mr Bottomley said.

He thought, Mr Smith might be deterred from taking the initiative by the more extreme politicians around him. "I remember when I went there in 1965 with Lord Gardiner, then Lord Chancellor, to see if we could get an agreement with Mr Smith on the basis of the five principles, we got to the stage where I was quite optimistic. But when he got back amongst his reactionary friends, he went off the line."

Mr Bottomley said the Rho-desian, resident in London, was now in Rhodesia and he had no doubt that he had reported to Mr Smith on their conversation.

Makarios talks

From Mario Modiano Athens, Dec 1

Archbishop Makarios and I Karamanlis, the Greek Prin Minister, announced today th they had agreed on a comm strategy on the Cyprus pro-lem. This would be the ba for detailed and written struction to Mr Glaff Cledides, the acting Preside of Cyprus, regarding negot

tions. The announcement was ma in a joint communique at t close of two-day talks. It quite plain that Archbish Makarios, who proposes return to Cyprus on Frid has already resumed his fu tions as head of state. Clerides was described in communique only as presidof the House of Represe atives.

The communique said: "D ing the discussions which we carried out in an atmosph of cordiality and a spirit or cordinate and a spirit national solidarity, all aspects of the Cyprus probl as well as the perspectives its solution, were reviewed. common line was establis on how to confront the pr lem. This agreed line shall the basis for detailed a written instructions to Glafkos Clerides to initi negotiations on the substate of the Cyprus issue."

The agreed line remains ret. It is clear, however, all three principals in talks—the Archbishop, Greek Government, and Clerides—agree that a form federative solution has bect inevitable. President Maka seems to be confident, at his recent talks with Dr K inger, the United States Setary of State, that Tur might be induced to accep solution involving the creat of five self-governing Turk Cypriot cantons in Cyprus.

Mr Clerides did not ob the joint protocol he sout establishing a common Athe Nicosia policy. Nicosia, Dec 1.—The Cyp Government accused Tur today of looking for a pret to launch a new military or

ation. Ankara, Dec 1.—The Turk Government, faced with threatened cut in United Sta military aid, proposed in budget presented today a hi increase in defence expe

It seeks parliamentary app val for total defence spend of about £800m during 1975 financial year, about per cent more than in the c rent year.

Defence allocations, wh are expected to be appro-by Parliament without in changes, include about E64 for the Ministry of Defer £60m for the gendarmerie, £98m for modernizing Army.-Reuter.

send Jupiter

From Our Own Corresponde Washington, Dec 1
Pioneer 11, the second ter trial visitor to Jupiter, will r
26,613 miles above the plan surface at 1.22 pm GMT ton row. That is far closer d
Pioneer 10, which passed t

ment was now seeking to establish greater cooperation with black African states, and it seemed likely that South African released and able to attend the support for Rhodesia was now

been sought by a Rhodesian, who said Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, would be interested in his opinions

National Council, to discuss the

Japanese party deadlock

on choice of Premier From Peter Hazelhurst

Tokyo, Dec 1 Japan lurched towards a political crisis today when the ruling Liberal Democratic at the convention in July. Party, badly divided by fac-tional rivalries, failed for the fifth consecutive day to select Party, a new leader to replace the outgoing Prime Minister, Mr Kakuei Tanaka, who will step down when Parliament meets: in 11 days' time.

A series of protracted meettions led by the two principal candidates. Mr Masayoshi Ohira, the Finance Minister, decessor. Leading Liberal Demo-crats suggested that the Prime Minister, who resigned as a result of a business scan-dal, should be asked to remain at the helm for the time being, but Mr Tanaka has rejected

In another emergency measure the vice-president of the party, Mr Etsusaburo Shiina, acting as a mediator, suggested today that under a compromise formula they should select Mr Takeo Miki, the former Deputy Prime Minister, as a stop-gap leader until the party holds its traditional convention

next July. next July.

However, while the majority of faction leaders have tentatively accepted the compromise formula, crents in Tokyo tonight indicate that both Mr Ohira and Mr Tanaka will reject any plan to install Mr Miki who is their staunch opponent, in office. As stop-

gap Prime Minister, he would control party funds and machinery when the Liberal Democrats elect a new leader Mr Miki, who is 67, resigned

from the Cabinet as Deputy Prime Minister in July last year to challenge Mr Tanaka's leadership openly after the party suffered a setback in elections to the Upper House of Parliament. Since then, he has been associated with Mr of the party hierarchy failed to break a stalemate between factions led by the common state of the party hierarchy failed to break a stalemate between factions led by the common state of the party hierarchy failed to be the common state of the party hierarchy failed to be the common state of the party hierarchy failed to be the common state of the party hierarchy failed to be the common state of the party hierarchy failed to be the common state of the party hierarchy failed to be the common state of the party hierarchy failed to be the common state of the party hierarchy failed to be the party hierarchy failed to be the common state of the party hierarchy failed to be the common state of the party hierarchy failed to be the common state of the party hierarchy failed to be the common state of the party hierarchy failed to be the common state of the party hierarchy failed to be the common state of the party hierarchy failed to be the common state of the party hierarchy failed to be the common state of the party hierarchy failed to be the common state of the party hierarchy failed to be the common state of the c

Essentially, the current impasse is founded on the differences over the method of Spacecraft will selecting Mr Tanaka's successor. In the one camp, Mr Ohira, who is supported by members of Mr Tanaka's large and powerful faction, is apparently confident that he will emerge as Prime Minister if the ruling party chooses its new leader by ballot within the next 10 days.

On the other hand, Mr Fuk-uda, who is 69, is adamant that the party hierarchy should select its new leader by consensus or consultations.

It is understood that the business community, which supplies the ruling party with the greater part of its funds, is backing Mr Fukuda behind the

As a result, the party is divided cleanly down the mid-die and Mr Shiina's compromise plan apparently was put before the party today in a last minute attempt to avert an open split before the Diet is reconvened on December 12.

close-ups today

way a year ago, and space it cials here hope that their ispacecraft will survive the viligh radiation from Jupiter. Pioneer 11 will spend at 30 minutes in the most interest. part of the radiation belt, most of its instruments down, and the experts know immediately whether it will be able to c plete the rest of its mission. should send back close-up tures of Jupiter's south p and the Red Spot before moment of closest appro

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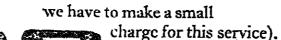
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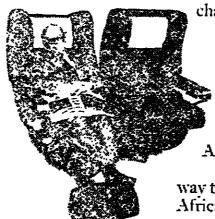
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Archaeology report

Glozel: The ghost walks again

The ghost of Glozel, the archaeological cause célèbre of the 1920s, is walking abroad again, resting on the unexpected crutch of scientific dating by nuclear physics. An article published today in Antiquity challenges the long-held view that the artefacts of Glozel are moderu forgeries, and suggests that they are genuine antiquities of the Roman period, and about 2,000 years old. The claim is certain to raise doubts about the reliability of the thermoluminescence dating method used. about the reliability of the thermo-luminescence dating method used.

The site of Glozel, near Vichy, in souther of France, was discovered to 1924 by a young farmer, Emile Fradin, who with a local doctor, Antoine Morlet, recovered a large number of objects, including more than 60 inscribed clay tablets and other fired clay articles, including "death masks" and "phallic symbols", stones with engravings of animals similar to those in French paleolithic art, and polished are fragments of neo-lithic type.

those in French paleolithic art, and polished axe fragments of neolithic type.

Morlet adjudged the site to be neolithic from the last, and proposed a Glozellan culture which had writing end glassmaking, dating to 8,000 BC. A French origin for such attributes of civilization proved highly acceptable politically, and the ensuing controversy was correspondingly bitter.

The antiquity of Glozel was accepted, although at dates ranging from nearly 4,000 BC down to the Roman period, by several distinguished French archaeologists, including Salomon Reinach and for a time the Abbé Breuil, but in 1927 O. G. S. Crawford, a noted British field archaeologist and then editor of Antiquity, denounced it as a hoax, and the French scholar, A. Vayson de Pradenne, agreed with him. An international commission of archaeologists endorsed this view, noting the apparent intrusion of objects into their supposed archaeological contexts and the presence of fresh organic matter in some of the clay artefacts.

In 1928, however, a second commission, organized by Reinach, concluded that the finds were authentic, although the prevalling view over the past 40 years has been that Glozel was indeed a hoax.

Controversy has now been revived by the thermoluminescence dates obtained for more than 20 fired clay objects from Glozel by French, Damish and British scientists, including Dr Hugh McKerrell, of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland in Edinburgh, Dr Vagn Mejdahl, of the Damish Atomic Energy Commission, and Drs Henri François and Guy Portal, of the French Centre D'Etudes Nucleaire, who had carried out parallel measurements at their three laboratories.

The thermoluminescence method is based on the quantity of photons which accumulate in clay through

The thermoluminescence memoral is based on the quantity of photons which accumulate in clay through time from the radioactive decay of minerals within the clay and in its environment. When clay is fired its internal core of photons in its environment. When clay is fired its internal core of photons is dissipated and accumulation begins anew, and measurement of this after allowing for environmental effects shows whether a long or short period has passed since the firing. With more precise controls an absolute date In years can be suggested.

Measurement of the Glozel material showed thermoluminestent activity far greater than the supposed age of 50 years would allow, and the authors of the Antiquity article conclude that the objects examined, including

the objects examined, including inscribed tablets, "are patently not modern forgeries". They estimate the absolute date of the pieces to fall between 700 BC and AD 100, and consider it "unlikely that the eventual first date for that the eventual final date for Glozel could fall ourside these limits", pointing out that parallel radiocarbon dating of collagen and relative dating of bone samples are all "in good accord with the thermoluminescent date range".

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claimed for Glozel are not standard, nor are the charges forgery, and that an Iron Age Galio-Roman date is most like Glose parallels between the scriptions on the tablets and ancient Iberian scripts would meanse at that date, but the istino of Glozel from sites with characterial is still curious. What is certain is that archaegists will now have to revise the opinions about Glozel, or abthe accuracy of thermoluming

opinions about Glozel, or ab-the accuracy of thermolumis cence dating, or about both. present rauge of possibilities se-to be that the objects are genu-in their original context, and mi-with earlier material there; it they are genuine but were brou-to Glozel and buried in the 15-for purposes of hear or fraud. for purposes of hoar or fraud: that they are modern in b manufacture and context, in wh case the assumptions on which present acceptance of therms minescence dating rests will have be radically reexamined.

The recent reassessment radiocarbon dating has been sillarly controvered.

larly controversial, even with allegations of archaeological fra but the method itself seem have emerged modified strengthened. Thermolumin cence may be about to undergo same transmutation. By Norman Hammond Archaeology Correspondent

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Yel () rd-Brezhnev agreement adds to Pakistan and Whinese impatience with mericans over Taiwan issue

fenry Kissinger's reputaor wizardry in dealing hinese affairs has sufa setback as a result of ent visit to Peking. le too much should not ad into the fact that ian Mao Tse-tung did nsent to see the United Secretary of State on casion, there is little ccasion, there is little that Dr Kissinger found

cent talks less fruitful ngenial than any he has had in Peking. uppears that Dr Kissmeetings with Mr Teng ing, a deputy Prime r, were not to be com-with the kind of intellec-dtz which he has had in st with Mr Chou En-lai, me Minister. The latter and met Dr Kissinger iefly in hospital. Teng, by the testimony a foreigners who have m, is a tough and acer-

egotiator who prefers esking to nuances. on this occasion ras little call for finesse. singer arrived in Peking rom the talks near Vlaat which general ding had been with the Russians on

faith in any such agreement. If they refrained from accusing the Americans of "collusion" with the Soviet Union, this was mainly out of politeness and a desire not to let the present Sino-American relationship break down in recriminations.

However, the Chinese are understood to be angry at recent American moves to confirm and even strengthen links with

Those who are familiar with Kissinger's moods and eoccupations have suggested that he is hypnotized by what he regards as the success of the Vladivostok talks, to the point where he no longer cares so much about American relations with China.

tions with China.

Dr Kissinger was testy and defensive when questioned informally about this during his visit to Peking. He dismissed the Taiwan issue as "highly complex" and claimed later that the Chinese were "not

In fact the Chinese leader-ship appears to be "pushing" the Taiwan issue somewhat the harder than was the case before President Ford went to r Vlavladivostok. Mr Teng raised it eneral in an indirect but unmistakbeen able way in the presence of journalists in Peking. The invieement concerning the tation to President Ford to of nuclear weapons, visit China next year is a fur-

ther sign that Peking wants Had the Americans held Mr

Brezhnev, the Soviet party leader, more at arm's length, the Chinese would probably have shown more patience over the Tarwan issue. But now they seem to want American concessions earlier than had been expected, if only to show that they will not take the latest Soviet-American understanding

It is in this light that the invitation to President Ford should be seen. It was all very well for President Nixon to come to Peking without any formal lowering of the level of relations between Washington and Taipei. It would be another matter for President Ford to come three years later without any clear sign in the meantime of American willingness to bow to China's stand on this issue.

It is in Washington, how-ever, that the American scheme for dealing with this awkward topic will have to be sought. Judging by the recent mood in the American Liaison Office in Peking, its diplomats are among the last to be in a position to pass out any enligh-tenment on the subject. The prestige of the mission can hardly rise if Dr Kissinger contiques to arrogate to himself the right to negotiate all topics of importance in person.

issey of a cult figure ends after years ecret burial and mystery

turn of Eva Perón's body stirs memories

wart Stirling

embalmed body of Eva al and mystery, is over. a cemetery in Buenos s the coffin of the late st Pedro Aramburu, in October by the schis-Peronist Montoneros

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ago. ther had been an army responsible for the Per Peron and the secret of rance of Eva's body, mmarked grave in

in Argentina's politare united in litical heir, President its survival.

memories of Perón in

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Dr Hector Cámpora.
Today the old symbols of is once more on Argen-il and the odyssey sur-ig Peronism's greatest figure of Juan Perón, are spread across posters throughout the country. Some depict Isabel at the helm of a ship, with the figures of Eva and Peron standing by her side. Others announce "Isabel or death", as is the case in a death", as is the case in a series of blood-red posters now

> right-wing Peronist Caudillo
> Buenos Aires. The authors, the
> magazine, state in bold black
> letters, that "another year of
> punishing Marxists, liberals,
> traitors and infiltrators, is Amid the symbolic and very real extremes of antagonism and solidarity to Senora and solidarity to Señora Perón's mandate the situation

the economy and the

adorning some streets

country is improving.
Senor Gomez Morales, the new economics minister, has two historical given the economy a much-argentina's polit- needed uplift, the result of a the military and the more practical and better working relationship between a constitutional gov. Government and labour unions, at whose head is the on whose support the country's

Democracy, even with its own particular national loopin exile, of military holes, is a working reality in tents, and Peronism's a country where, for years, ant return to a predo- absolutist military governments all dominate the minds argentines.

Argentin to her four-month-old xist guerrilla groups have so

far failed to provoke a military Peronism, with its takeover.

ism now firmly The guerrillas have recently from the taint of lefbology, which it had ded during the shortSalta. A state of siege was

brought into force in early November because of mounting guerrilla activity and Government suggestions that schools were under threat in a wave of Marxist attacks. The general hysteria, however, which so much rumour created, did little to alter the fact that schools were not attacked and the country slipped into a state of

The universities, once the hotbeds of leftist ideology under the Campora Government, are now controlled by Government interventors, who, as in the case of the University of Buenos Aires, are urg-ing students to forsake Marx Catholicism, and Castro for Mussolini.

President Isabel Perón has, however, survived the taunts and attacks of the Peronist left and the Marxist guerrillas who are her main antogonists. She can now count on the open support of the armed forces, the opposition parties and the great mass of orthodox

stand firm and show her own political strength in the wake of so much bostility at the time of her husband's death is a credit to her own personal vaiour.

However, the durability of Señora Perón's mandate now rests solely on her ability to cope with the pressures of office, as there is speculation among political observers that her health is suffering because of the pace of governmental work. It is work far removed from her previous role as housewife to the late General Peron, in whose footsteps she seems to be bearing up surprisingly well.

India to resume trade

From Michael Hornsby Delhi, Dec 1

India and Pakistan agreed over the weekend to resume trade after a break of nearly 10 years caused by the 1965 war over Kashmir. A protocol to this effect was signed in Delhi yesterday after five days of talks and will come into force next Saturday.

A significant feature of the

A significant feature of the protocol is its stipulation that "trade will be conducted on the basis of free convertible currency in accordance with the foreign exchange regulations in force from the story in the s ations in force from time to time in each country".

Before 1965, trade was con-

ducted on a rupee payment basis—effectively a barter system—according to which the value of goods exported by either side was supposed to be kept in strict balance. This prestricted the release of greatly restricted the volume of

Mr Y. T. Shah and Mr Ejaz Ahmed Naik, the leaders of the Indian and Pakistan delegattons, both asserted at a press conference, after signing the protocol, that if the full potential for bilateral trade was to be realized in had to be con-ducted in free foreign exchange.

The protocol provides that he two countries will accord ach other most favoured nation treatment in accordance with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Trade is to be handled initially only by Government corporations, but eventual participation by the private sector is not ruled out.

private sector is not ruled out.

There are "immediate possibilities of commencing trade", the protocol says, in cotton, cotton products and rice, supplied by Pakistan, and jute manufactures, tea, engineering goods, railway equipment and iron ore, supplied by India. A detailed trade agreement is to be signed in Islamabed in Islamary. Tamuary.

Mr Naik told journalists that Pakistan would need iron ore for the steel mill being built with Soviet aid at Karachi which is expected to go into production towards the end of the decade. Pakistan had already agreed to buy some of India's ore for analysis.

The question of Pakistan supplying India with natural gas from its large reserves in the Sui region of Baluchistan did not apparently come up during the talks, but it is understant the sui region of the talks, but it is understant the supplementary that the supplementary the derstood to remain a possibi lity if trade—and political rela-tions—developed smoothly.

To fecilitate trade, officials are to meet later this month to arrange the restoration of ship ping services. How much trade will continue to be hampered by political considerations

Selassie fortune

Addis Ababa, Dec 1.—A delegation of Ethiopian banking and legal experts leaves this week for Switzerland to negotiate the return of the

negotiate the return of the fortune deposited abroad by former Emperor Haile Selassie.

The military government announced last night that the Emperor had signed a document "of his own free will" authorizing the return to Ethiopia of his money deposited abroad for the relief of drought and familie. of drought and famine.

Changes in the sugar-coating on the women's magazine romance pill

Poking fun at women's magazine fiction, usually by people who have seldom, if ever, read any is a pastime as old as the genre itself, as Mirabel Cecil shows in her book Heroines in Love 1750-1974, published today. Jane Austen parodied the excesses of Gothic pulp fiction in Northunger Abbey, and those of the "sensibility" cult, as did Eaton Stannard Barrett in The Heroine or Adventures of a Fair Romance Reader published in

"Really, this horse's constitu-tion of mine", his heroine com-plains, "is a terrible disadvanplains, "is a terrible disadvan-tage to me. I know, had I the power of inventing my own in-dispositions. I would fall ill from the scald of a lover's tear", or even, from "an inverted eye-lash, caused by continual weep-ing." While nobody, least of all the people who write it, would claim great literary merit for most magazine fiction, it does re-flect, at a distance and with flect, at a distance and with the focus somewhat softened admittedly, the attitudes of its readers and their positions in society.

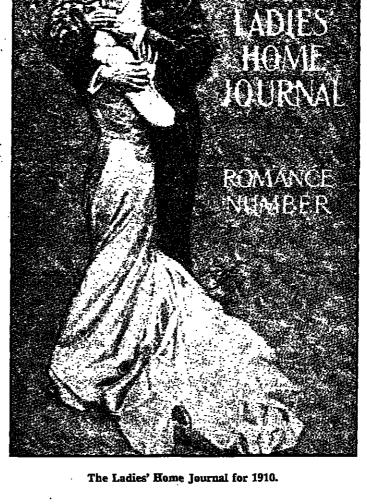
From the beginning, it would have delighted both Freud and have delighted both Freud and Marx, for its main concerns, apart from the all-pervading escapist lure of "romance", are sex and money. In the late eighteenth century, capitalising on the success of Richardson's novels Pamela and Clarissa, procreatinated rane became a very crastinated rape became a very crashnated rape became a very popular theme, usually with a poor but virtuous girl pursued by a rich, often titled villain.

In The Fortunate Sequel, published by The Lady's Magazine in 1780, the vain and foolish Kitty is seduced by a trick. "... taking from my pocket a plain gold ring, I slipped it onto her finger ... and as further proof

finger . . . and as further proof of my sincerity, drew up a bond in which I promised to marry her in one month from the date thereon or pay her the sum of twenty thousand pounds. She eagerly devoured the bait and consigning it to her pocket-book, overlooked the necessary pre-caution of dating it..." Need-less to say, Kitty loses out to an heiress (the villain is penniless as well as wicked) and without either her virtue or a fortune, all a woman had to bargain with

country. Even when the heroine pre-served her virtue, it was rarely enough, and almost inevitably, having won the hero's heart with her simple modesty, she turns out to be an heiress too. By the mid-Victorian period, poverty was acceptable, provided, of course, it was both genteel and brought about through no fault

in the marriage market, was



of the heroine's. In My Wife and How I found Her, published in America by Godey's Lady's Book marm, reduced by circumstances to taking in washing, replies to the narrator's proposal, "And will you take me, Nathaniel, you so cultivated, so fastidious, and almost a millionaire, me with-out a dollar in the world and whom you found over a wash-tub?" Cinderella is alive and well apart from a slight touch of washday red. . . .

forced to retreat for ever to the Women's magazine fiction has always tried to sugar the pill, to coat the inevitable—at this time, either marriage or spinsterhood devoted to the care of aging parents—with excitement or nobility, not to force its readers to come to terms with reality. While magazines like Ladies Home Journal in America at the turn of the "What did I tell you?"

urban decay and even venereal disease, the fiction was still primarily concerned with courtship and marriage, and used the issues of the day as window dressing. The heroine of "Through the Open Door" published by Ladies Home Journal in 1913, wants to resume her work for women's suffrage after her marriage against her husband's wishes. After a few stirring speeches about marriage being "a part-

nership between two equal self-respecting people" their differ-ences are resolved over their baby daughter's crib. "Speak baby daughter's crib. "Speak up, young 'un. Say 'Votes for Women'." "It's the only thing

The fiction of the twenties reflected, if a little palely, the brittle sophistication of the day, but though, as Mirabel Cecil points out, the career girl, clinging on to her independence as fiercely as her eighteenth century counterpart clung on to her virtue became popular in American fiction, she never really caught on here. After the war years, with "old girls" being "frightfully brave", keeping their men's spirits up with bright, optimistic letters and themselves to themselves, once again, in the mass-market magazines like Woman and Woman's Own, marriage, children and a Formica-filled home dren and a rormica-filled home were the only worthwhile goals. Husbands may have been tempted, usually by career girls, always "cold" always "glamorous" they wore perfume and called people "Darling"—but very rarely fell, and even after permissiveness raised in head permissiveness raised its head in the sixties and the occasional husband did leave home, he almost inevitably lived to regret

The full impact of the "new permissiveness was reflected in the younger magazines, "19", "Honey", "Petticoat", whose "Honey", "Perticoat", whose heroines did sleep with heroes, and villains from choice, did get pregnant (at one stage, with monotonous frequency) and coped with the consequences, but though there were some attempts to tackle serious social problems, like drug addiction or student violence, most stories still ended with our heroine finding love with Mr Right, who though no longer rich or titled necessarily, is usually an archi-tect, photographer, middle class drop-out or some other member of the new elite.

So far, women's magazine fiction and women's liberation haven't really come to terms with each other (though Spare Rib did publish a story by Margaret Drabble about a writer who was more pleased, surprisingly, that a literary lion found her sexually attractive than that he admired her work), and it is unlikely that they will since their goals are fundamentally opposed.

No matter how the trimmings change, as Mirabel Cecil's book shows, the bulk of women's magazine fiction still sees marriage as the only truly worth-while goal, and as long as the majority of women believe it, there will be no shortage of readers, only too anxious to escape from its realities in the fantasy the magazine stories

Heroines In Love by Mirabel Cecil is published by Michael

Gay Search

Helping the intelligent disabled to

see reality. Though their bodies may be twisted, untidy affairs, their minds speak out through those eyes—bright, searching and also dis-comforting. Not because here is spasticity often at its worst, but because a question is posed

If Oakwood has 16 men and women studying, working and living there, what of all the other intelligent severely disabled who are not? This Further Education Centre at Kelvedon, Essex, is unique, there's no establishment like it in the world. At the moment there are three vacancies. Not only is it difficult to believe only the present group exists to qualify, it's down-right unlikely. Margaret, Anne, Geoffrey, Andrew and their friends are no rare birds. They must have dozens of counterparts sitting

the next eight years, she doggedly worked at handicrafts until one day a new welfare officer started visiting her. "Oakwood's the place for you", came the astounding suggestion, after long talks together.

"I thought Oakwood was just to fill in time before going back to my basketwork. Then we all took an aptitude test for the Ford Motor Company's computer programming course. I passed, became fascinated in the subject, later sat the exams and emerged a qualified com-puter programmer. The fact that it showed a way to earn my own income was at first the main attraction. But since then I've become so much involved in the learning process I've started a four-year BA degree course in Computer Science at the University of Essex." And two years ago, Margaret married and took on domestic responsibilities as well.

not, as it happened, need to be rescued from the tedium of home industry or residential routine. Well aware of the "choice" open to him once he left special school at Brentwood, he determined not to settle for the lounge-TVand-books existence to which his less adventurous companions were usually channelled.

Andrew hopes, when he has passed his higher national certificate in business studies to work in local government.

Oakwood was opened in 1964 by the Spastics Society as an experimental and pioneering project to help high IQ severely handicapped spastics continue their studies in an intellectually and socially stimulating atmosphere,

Single-storeyed throughout, it fits neatly be-tween two old buildings in Kelvedon's village high street, near Colchester. There were also splendid ideas in circulation at the time among other organizations to make provision for average intelligence centres all over England. Not many have got off the ground. For this, a breakdown in communications may be partially responsible—but the real blame appears to be As Oakwood's principal, Mr Edward Doherty

remarks: "People who are treated like sheep all their lives naturally tend to behave like sheep. The sheep neurosis gives way to apathy,

lack of curiosity and of initiative. In short a sheer dulling of the human spirit."

Too many disabled have been accustomed from early childhood to have everything done for them. Small wonder, thus over-protected

they neither stretch their minds fully nor reach any fair degree of maturity. It is agreed by most of Oakwood's sixteen that unless they themselves had energetically pressed to go there, they would still be submerged. When Michael Levinge came from Dublin eight years ago to study for A-levels in British Constitution and English Law, his mother "telephoned a lot" during his first week at Kelvedon, anxious for recommended. anxious for reassurance her son was being "cared for " as before.

"Every time she rang, I was out!" Michael remembers gleefully, with a wink about the local pub. He has since married a fellow student, a dark-eyed French girl called Anne. Her case is typical of outward appearances giving the lie to inner strengths. She studied Japanese at the Sorbonne in Paris, can read fluently six languages and plans—once she and Michael have moved to their own home in the

neighbourhood—to write children's books. Yet
Anne is a multiple spastic.
Oakwood, costing £40,000 a year to run (one
third of that subsidized by the Spastics Society,
who would welcome non-spastic disabled to fill the vacancies), is no place for rules and regu-lations. There's an absence of pressure from on top about study, and no restriction on con-duct. Since students are adult, they are treated as such, encouraged from the first to develop a broad outlook. It clearly means a great deal to everyone at last to be treated as grown up. Mr Doherty, himself disabled, is concerned less with their academic achievement than he is with the quality of their future lives.

Geoffrey Busby illustrates well how this selfreliance can flower in the right climate. Six years ago he undertook the computer programming course and became a professional. Two years ago, shortly before getting married, he discovered "nose power": instead of operating his Possum electronic machine with his feet (his only limbs under full control) he realized he could type instructions more quickly with the tip of his nose—at 12 wpm. He achieves two-thirds of the normal programmer's daily output and works extra hours to make up the difference. He earns, as a freelance, about £1,000 a year, not enough to provide for a reasonable standard of living.

"You get penalized by the State for helping yourself", he comments ruefully. "If I hadn't become salaried. I should be living in an institwion and costing the country at least double what I'm earning through productivity. ..."
In the evening, Geoffrey pushes himself out into the High Street and up the hill—backwards—to his council flat, half a mile away. Only when the ground is icy is he unable to make the journey alone. Yet all this man misses these days is not mixing with other professionals, exchanging ideas and tackling computer problems together. "I'm working in a void because my disability makes it impossible to get out and about."

Thirty years ago, Geoffrey as an adult would have been hidden away out of sight somewhere. after a childhood spent in a mentally subnormal children's ward. Certainly society has advanced since then. But has it advanced far —or fast—enough to keep pace with the real Geoffrey and his needs, and those of countless possibly still unrecognized other bright disabled?

Rosemary March

Herb seeds with a

In the seventeenth century and even earlier, when palates were tougher than ours and herb seeds like those of angelica, anise, caraway, coriander, cumin, dill, fennel and parsley were in more com-mon use for flavouring purposes, it seems that a few were "put into the pocket on Sun-days", to be chewed to "relieve the boredom" during lengthy church and chapel services. Later, perhaps as sermons

were extended, more nourish-ing imported pine kernels and sunflower seeds were added to the mixture in the pocket. Most of the herbs' seeds contain a concentration of strongsmelling essential oils which are more widely diffused throughout the rest of their

flowers, leaves and stems.

The idea was good and some of the seeds could be used to advantage still as a replacement for sweets or biscuits for those who crave between-meal snacks. But unfortunately all the herbseeds are not only flavoursome. Their virtues are varied, so they must be selected with care. Most of them have useful digestive qualities and are eventually appetite-promoters. Those with pleasantly fragrant oils, like anise and caraway and coriander replace "the breath that stinketh, with clean fresh odours" but angelica seeds can "cause a beauty many and a seed and a seed and a seed a "cause a heavy sweat" and Chervil (Anthriscus cerefolium), although delightful as a ground-'cause a heavy sweat" cover plant for gardens, needs to be skilfully selected from similar-looking but poisonous members of the same botanical

family.

Dill, though delicious in flavour and an asset when grown to any herbaceous border, was named from the Norse dilla, meaning to lull, and nowadays cumin seems to have increased its "strong or rancke" flavour and smell. Parsley seeds in quantity might have disastrous effect with their admitted diuretic property, so that only fennel is left to seem innocuous. It has indeed or so it was said, a propensity to encourage "those who are fat to grow lean" as well as a reputation for "con-suming phlegmatick humours". Possibly it would be wiser to

concentrate on most of these herbs for decorative and diluted cooking purposes and to chew pine kernels and sunflower seeds which are both bland, lacking in strong flavour, but on the whole more satisfying, rich in protein and contain several trace elements of mineral salts as well as vitamins. for eating at meetings and as a distraction from less beneficial snacks.

Many of the herbs mentioned can be obtained from E. & A. Evetts, Ashfields Herb Nursery, Hinstock, Market Drayton, Shropshire.

Alison Ross

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Singapore journalist is fined for contempt

From Our Correspondent

Singapore, Dec 1
Chief Justice Wee Chong Jin yesterday fined a part-time Newsweek correspondent, Miss Pang Cheng Lian, 1,500 Singapore dollars (about £280) for contempt of court over a Newsweek article which, he said, aileged that Singapore's courts were biased and partial in favour of the Government. Miss Pang had explained that she had merely supplied material for an article which was written in New York. An affidavit from Mr Robert Christopher, of Newsweek's New York office, had supported her on this point.

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Newsweek in Singapore were also fined. The case arose from an arti-

cle headed "Singapore selec-tive justice" in Newsweek's international edition of November 11. It dealt with the High Court's dismissal in October of a defamation action by the opposi-tion Singapore Workers' Party against a member of the ruling People's Action Party, over elec-

scanty or inaccurate that an He added that he regretted article based on it amounted to that people far more respon- a scandalizing of the court, that people far more respon-sible for the offending article were out of the jurisdiction of the court. The distributors of ity.

Hopes of oil in Falklands embarrass Britain

By A. M. Rendel view British sovereig been long established.

The possibilities of large been long established.

Argentina claims so covered under the continental over the islands—it covered by Malvings—no the shelf south of the Falkland

barrasssment. A Canadian company has became an independent country applied for oil exploration rights on the break-up of the Spanish in the area, but a representative empire.
of the Department of Energy In re said on Friday that no inquiries Foreign and Commonwealth

A Foreign Office spokesman

The possibility of a rich oil-field off the Falkland Islands is embarrassing in that it has already stimulated a press campaign in Argentina to reactivate
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view British sovereignty has Argentina claims sovereignty

over the islands—it calls them the Malvinas—on the ground Islands is now causing the that they were part of the British Government much em. Spanish dominions to which Argentina succeeded when it In recent years both sides

have tried to take the heat out could be answered and that the of the dispute by developing matter was being handled by the cultural and commercial links between the islands and Argentina. The British Government has maintained that any decision said there had been a number of on the future of the islands must inquiries about oil exploration consider the wishes of the 2,000 and that the matter was under Falkland Islanders who have consideration. ing British.

Reports of the oil deposits, while likely to reconfirm the

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Andrew Candler, in his early twenties, did

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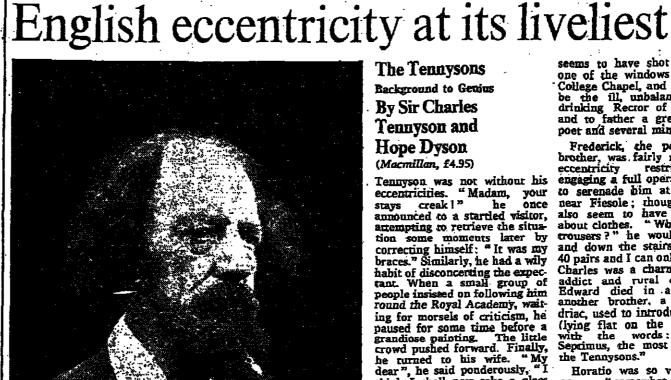
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Irving Wardle With no disrespect to the Bristol Old Vic, one starts with some suspicion of an Anouilh play that is receiving its world premiere outside France, and, as it turns out, The Arrest belongs to that category of post-Pirandellian drama in which the narrative has been ingeniously fractured so as to get away with a story that no audience would

swallow if it were told straight. Plodding plot synopsis reduces The Arrest to a far-fetched fable about a neglected little boy who grows up to become a famous criminal, slaying his mother's lover along the way, and making off with the aged satyr's current mistress on a Bonnie and Clyde looting spree in which the strength of passion is matched

begins the play all that is long past. We see only a middle-aged stranger hooded behind shades An Evening with Hinge

only by the outrageousness of

However, at the point Anouilh

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the coincidences.

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Nielsen's Flute Concerto, though

its surface capriciousness masks an essential leanness and simplicity. Goehr's Little Music for Strings is characteristically undemonstrative, and Beethoven's second piano concerto and the Jupiter Symphony of Measters and concerts and the forces classical

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Gondoliers.

It could have been a very camp evening, but it isn't because the style of St Clair and Logan is gentle and half-affectionate. Only a couple of times do they stray from Gilbert's words, and they do not go chas-

is there for everyone who comes.

The entertainers are Dame Hilda Bracket and Dr Evadne Hinge, aliases for Perri St Clair

and George Logan. The one has

which can only mean Gilbert and

Sullivan, to rural areas. Together they happily sing all 20 lovesick

maidens from Patience or at the

first hint of applause launch

into the quartet from The

fundamental nature of a small orchestra like the NSO, needless to say. But the orchestra is not currently as refined as it has sometimes shown itself in the past, and it may have been for that reason that the concert lacked the subtler shades of A certain classical severity of phrasing and texture to lend poetry to its vivacity and intellectual rigour. The wind playing, in particular, was occasionally rough, and although the string young principal conductor,

> Fortunately these are not much called for by Goehr's cribe rather introspective score, which discourses a good deal in the middle register at medium dynamics. Mr Seaman conducted a lucid, but not unfeeling performance, devoid of all mannerism, as indeed was his conducting of every work on the programme.

spread in the upper dynamics.

Ourstandingly the best per-formance, however, was of the Mozart symphony, still inhibited Moura Lympany

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Alan Biyth Choice of programme can nearly

always tell us a good deal about an artist, especially a planist. Moura Lympany, who used to be known for her championship of twentieth-century piano concertos of the more leonine kind, decided on a discerning selection of pieces from the regular eighteenth and nineteenthcentury repertory for her priate style.

Bach/Busoni is not to everyone's taste (it is not to mine), but Miss Lympany championed the arrangement of the organ Toccats in C with such a firm understanding of what Busoni was about in his adaptations, particularly in the soft, ingratiating line of the Adagio and the intricacies of the Fugue, that harsh thoughts about the inaptness of the whole project were

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Walter Klien, apparently determined on a completely objective, uncomplicated reading of this extrovert concerto. The approach missed plainness by a whisker, and while much of the herboard. keyboard passage-work was adroitly placed, not everything was as clean as the type of performance presupposed. china Mozart. Fears were al-ready stilled in the movement's wonderful development and

quite dispersed by the probing, subtly phrased, yet never too intense account of the Andante cantabile, where the contrast between the repose of the first part and the melancholy of the minor middle section was finely pointed and the brilliance of the Finale was duly attained. All repeats in the work were observed, thereby lending it greater stature. Mendelssohn's Variations

sérieuses are unaccountably neglected these days. They are. one of the most succinct and rewarding of the composer's recital on Thursday evening and plane works and, in spite of one brought to each a true under-or two moments when all did standing of metier and appro-not go quite right technically. Miss Lympany gave them their proper weight and emphasized their unity of thought, making them true to their name. Definition was not always the reading's strong point; thought-fulness certainly was. If Chopin's B minor Sonata

did not quite complete the satisfaction felt at the interval, it was often an enjoyable interpretation taken on its own terms. These were directness of meaning, avoidance of rhetoric and a true sense of struc-ture. The work can say more, but what it did say here, except in a rather hesitant Scherzo, was honestly and fully

The Tennysons Background to Genius By Sir Charles Tennyson and Hope Dyson

(Macmillan, £4.95) Tennyson was not without his eccentricities. "Madam, your stays creak!" he once announced to a startled visitor, attempting to retrieve the situation some moments later by correcting himself: "It was my braces." Similarly, he had a wily habit of disconcerting the expec-tant. When a small group of people insisted on following him round the Royal Academy, waiting for morsels of criticism, he paused for some time before a grandiose painting. The little crowd pushed forward. Finally, he turned to his wife. "My dear", he said ponderously,

think I shall now take a glass of stout." In The Tennysons: Background to Genius, Tennyson's grandson (who is 95 this year) presents, with his co-author, evidence to show that the whole Tennyson family was fairly extraordinary. There was the poer's father, George, rejected at a very early age by his parents ("I think I never saw a child so rude and ungovernable," said his mother, who

probably helped to make him

so). While at Cambridge he

geois portraits by Elizabeth Counsell and Marilyn Taylerson.

An empty but engaging evening.

ing his notoriously vulgar double-entendre up hill and down scale. The jokes are

mainly musical, much in the

manner of the Bel Cantos who

following since their appearances at the Edinburgh Festival,

should stick to their own creations and beware of

by difficulties within the orche-

stra, but decisive and assured in movement and thrillingly

sustained. Prosaic details admit-

tedly obtruded here and there, and the music would have gained in brilliance with a more forward flute-player, especially in the Finale. The flautist, as

it happened, was David Haslam,

who earlier gave an effortless and relaxed account of the

Nielsen without quite putting the music across the footlights. Here, too, it was mainly bril-

liance of sound, especially in high bravura passages, that seemed lacking.

The Beethoven soloist was

appears simultaneously at three self; and Charlotte Cornwell's ages; likewise his mistress is spitfire mistress is matched

seen as a glittering young against a pair of deadly bour-tigress and a destitute hag, and gools portraits by Elizabeth his wife as a child and middle- Counsell and Marilyn Taylerson.

seems to have shot a hole in was consequently mildly one of the windows of Trinity If it was draughty in cl College Chapel, and grew up to be the ill, unbalanced, harddrinking Rector of Somersby. and to father a great English

poet and several minor ones. Frederick, the poet's elder brother, was fairly normal, his eccentricity restricted to engaging a full opera orchestra to serenade him at his house near Fiesole; though he did also seem to have a fixation about clothes. "Where are my trousers?" he would rage up and down the stairs; "I have 40 pairs and I can only find 35". Charles was a charming opium addict and rural clergyman; Edward died in an asylum; another brother, a hypochon-driac, used to introduce himself (lying flat on the hearth-rug) with the words: "I am

Seprimus, the most morbid of the Tennysons." Horatio was so vague as to appear "somewhat unused to the planet", and would slide food from the dinner-table into his pockets for the unfortunate, frequently forgetting it, so that he smelt strongly of fish for some days. Arthur, though he took to drink, was fairly con-ventional (despite a good start, when he was found as a small

child groping about under the dining-table, trying to find God's legs). There were four daughters,

she was given to raising umbrella, and in a cre London shop once lay in ; (in bonnet and veil, I boots and jet beads, clu the same umbrella) to that it was, or was not, enough. Mary wrote sonn Swedenborgian theology Emily, whose life was she by the death of her Henry Hallam, always tre with a stout lap-dog raven, whose raw food w

up at table. This is often a wildly book, but also a fasc exposition of the expans a yeoman family in Vi England, and a sad boo for all the Tennysons we to religious obsessions, a dark vein which ran t Alfred's character and duced, under pressure, se of his work, took hold shook, his brothers and Sir Charles and Mrs Dyson present man material from letters, books, and memory, in a number of Tenn poems only insignifican compared with Alfred' No one interested in Te

miss this book.

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and warmed) as his sensitivity and gift of

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Eric Levi) was the siles followed it before anyor

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own breath contrexquisitely pliable phrashis range of colour—not

or in English eccentricit liveliest, can possibly at

Derek P

three of whom wrote poetry. The fourth, Matilda, had been dropped on her head in the coal-scuttle at an early age, and

National Musicians

(Alan Dobie) putting up for the night at a spa hotel where he spent much of his youth. Multiple expositions follow, from the hotel porter who remembers author's fixed ideas that one Platform

Leeds

tiple expositions follow, from the hotel porter who remembers it all, from the visitor's young companion, and from others who arrive on the scene, some in modern dress, some in the costume of 40 years ago. The phrase they use repeatedly is "Why am I telling you all this?"

At first it seems like bungled craftsmanship, which is a clear sign that Anouilh knows exactly what he is doing. Given a ridiculous and maudlin plot, no one could do more to palm it off. To begin with, Mr Dobie tactfully glides behind pillars whenever the past takes possession of the stage, but by degrees the play establishes a theatrical present tense, hence the title, in out an eloquent case for the which the characters can double into elder and wanger salver meint limited to print facilities. But it is not for this author's fixed ideas that one attends to the play but for the lagenuity with which he walks his chosen tightrope. Why does the police superintendent (Michael Rothwell) pursuing the hero have no interest in making an arrest? What are the given circumstances that justify this kind of kaleidoscopic biography? Anough has a defit answer to all these questions, and what he achieves is to attach the excitement of a detective thriller to solving a puzzle of theatrical form.

Val May's production, equipped with a spectacularly grandiose revolving set by Alexander McPherson, makes out an eloquent case for the play. Mr Dobie's part in it is into the play in the p Joan Chissell Of the 80 entrants in the Leeds National Musicians' Platform, 23 were chosen by a panel under the chairmanship of Lord Boyle to give short public recitals in the Great Hall of the university last Thursday and Friday, and from these, another seven to appear in 45-minute programmes in the Town Hall on Saturday. Designed to assist the young in launching a career, this

enterprising new venture was open to singers, chamber ensembles and solo instrumenta-

lists other than pianists (already

which the characters can double play. Mr Dobie's part in it is into elder and younger selves mainly limited to grim tacitum and confront one another across observation. But John Hurt pastime. Mr Dobie's character sionately embodies his younger well cared-for in Leeds) up to the age of 30. Of Saturday's seven, heard by an audience including represen-tatives of the concert world, radio, television and press, three were singers, two of them memorable for different reasons. With Anne-Marie Connors, a soaring Verdian-type soprano, it was the voice itself that thrilled. the middle. Production and intonation still need care, but the potential is enormous. Per-

not so much his baritone voice watched in the next i

ing edginess if it see expressive purpose. partnered by Roger V the oboeist, Graham eschewed all special 1 (Strauss needed more) was the voice itself that thrilled. ing of conspicuous tone. The tone loses some bloom in and control. Of the stri young cellist, Lawrence could leap into stardc his intensity and vitali formances of Brahms's can learn to curb im "Mainacht" (earlier on) and Walton's "Rhyme" also sug-young violinist, Micha gested that she should never

hair piled up in a poodle's mass of curls, all teeth and chatter; the other, dark and academically soulful, sits at the piano.

Together they bring culture, whole hour's entertainment on wholly desert song. Graham Titus's strength was style, should also be

their own sloping shoulders. Halfway through they introduce a "real" baritone, who takes the audience off on the road to The Nutcracker Covent Garden Mandalay and elsewhere. A pity, because the mood at ouce broadens and coarsens. Perri St

Clair and George Logan, who have built up a substantial cult John Percival

I cannot remember when I last saw Antoinette Sibley dance with such happiness as she showed in *The Nutcracker* on Saturday. Nobody could grudge her the darker; more complex roles which she has said she wants to play, but it would be a sad day if she ever gave up altogether those parts where she expresses, with rare radiance,

the spirit of simple goodness. Simplicity, in fact, is not easy Simplicity, in fact, is not easy on stage. And one must not be fooled: her last solo may have able to treat the classification of the very rew able to treat the very rew able to treat cious playing with the music, such deliciously judged rubato, is something seen all too rarely, needing a real grasp of the music to succeed. The breadth and bite and brightness of her dancing is

matched by Anthony Dowell as the prince. I find his Drosselmeyer perhaps a little too grim: his direction.

man, with his strong musical purpose and he looks so sinister at it is scarcely credible starts entertaining the at the party. But once the heavy make-up of comes entirely convinc as the dream hero an brief transformations l the eccentric old man. At every performant Royal Baller's Nutcrack is a third star shai honours with the two dancers. I am thin Nicholas Georgiadis, w tings and costumes by combine domesticity grandeur, giving Clara tures a wholly convir

new Louisa, has plent sonality and punch, b to fine down her danci Spanish entry. The Nutcracker seems to special appeal for Young, and the orches tains its high standard

even magic. Rosemary Taylor, this

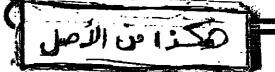
'The master storyteller, at his best when the sea is one of the

chief characters.' Daily Telegraph

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NORTH STAR

The story of a man who reject violence as a political weapon. Se on board an oil rig in the Nort Sea and on the old trawler the guards the rig.



reig's defiant century keeps ngland in Test hunt

John Woodcock . Correspondent

eroic innings by Greig, who England's first 100 at ie since Maurice Leyland 6 here in 1936-37, cut here in 1936-37, cut is first innings lead to he first Test match today. cored 110 out of England's d with Edwards and Ian
Il both going early in Aussecond innings, they, rather
agland, finished the day in

ar, a tensely fluctuating has been played in nas peen played in hiy fine weather. On the yening England held the hand, on the second Australia, who lead 95 runs, have the better of winning. England, howill be feeling happier than re this morning. Tomorrow t day, after which there are

t day, after which there are ing days left. eland could have picked up d Chappell this evening it I think, be level pegging, with a long final session in 1, of two hours and a half as taken between innings—I soon had Edwards caught wicket by Knott, diving in f first slip. When Underame on with 70 minutes I Chappell was at once at slip, a good low right carch by Fletcher. he rest of the day Underagged away, with Luckhe rest of the day Underagged away, with Luckclose at short leg as Greigsilly point. Underwood's
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than any irregularities in

England were in such yesterday, the ball was more than it did today. It ing a little but not fast, neer for England will be neer for England will be a their second innings, Thomson and Lillee are nd the ball is hard and mi is likely to be the next racking phase of a hard match, in which no has been asked or given reluctantly, by one fast to another. Because, to her, they mostly pitch the the tailenders of both made some valuable

s handred was his sixth in thes, his first against Aus-lt was more than an it was an expression of a rallying call. He came for four, with England on before the Australian fast Right from the start he the fight to the Australian Be riled them with his le got the "aggro" going, one more than Lillee. This one more than Lillee. This see of one giaut bearding When Greig crashed rough the covers for four, lled the boundary himself flourish which there was of Lillee missing. To do tof thing you have to be jugh, and confident with minad Ali is. In this owas Greig.

thing today he slashed to or three times at the pars, chasing them outside in them wherever they

But his judgment for the rt was wonderfully good, ever fast the bowling, he nched. As an example to it was just what was the crowd took to him too. to persuade him to play ansland next year. When caught at the wicker off awing just stormed past Greig was given a most

y had began with Edrich, played with much courage f, being caught at slip off in the previous over at hit him on the finger ald not field this even **≇ off** a tentative stroke to all that he was out. Early ning, therefore, England Knott and the four come as prospective

Hertfordshire 2

an elderly gentleman the pattern of the aftertickey match. "No matter re the crisis", he said, ashire will survive it".

"Exactly how they moved cast group final of the familionship, sponsored.

hampionship, sponsored in and Hedges, leaving ponder the consequences

thances. The final coloshire will be played on December 22.

t detracting from the f Hertfordshire (they are holders), they were not is better on the day's

ex. recovering from an prise, launched a fierce which drove Herrford-

efence to the limit of lurance. In this depart-rst in goal and Brooker

k had outstanding games, re was no excuse for the shots that Essex om favourable positions.

dshire's energetic meth-better dividends on a chich, though somewhat id stood up well to the that taken. They were

Perceive that short passing fective in the conditions the more feasible ploys with the overhead pass

dazell picked up a clear-ym a short corner and d the ball through a ircle past the unsighted

in the fourth minute.

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this to the wings. It is the right wing that



A short ball from Lillee rises high over Greig's head.

Knott and Lever were quite soon gone, Knott caught in the gully off one of his less good strokes, Lever caught at slip.

When Underwood came in England were 168 for seven. Although he has been batting above his known form on this toy.

above his known form on this tour above his known form on this tour, it seemed to be expecting too much that he should do so now. But he did. Regularly encouraged by Greig, between overs, and presenting a straight bat, at times a flashing one, Underwood was England's answer to Walker, who made 41 not out at the end of Australia's first innings. Underwood's opening shot was a stroke Australia's first innings. Underwood's opening shot was a stroke through the covers off Walker. reminiscent of Dexter. He stayed for 75 minutes, adding 58 with Greig, every run an irritation to Australia. In the end, playing too soon at the first ball of a relieving spell by Walters, after seeing off the new ball, Underwood was caught at extra cover.

Greig was 93 by now. Off the third over with the new ball he and Underwood had hit Thomson for 15, each getting four for a

for 15, each getting four for a slash over the slips. This prompted Ian Chappell to move as deep at tirst slip as anyone since Bill Edrich Helded there to Frank Tyson out here in 1954. Greig went to his 100 with two magnificent strokes through the covers off Lillee and then lofted Walters first over mid-on, then over cover point for two more fours before Lillee put au cud to his tormentor. Greig had batted for five hours and given one chance, a low one to Jenner in the gully, just before Edrich was out this morning.

Greig used his height to scotch the bearse which the others found the bounce, which the others found the bounce, which the others found so disconcerting, especially yesterday. Greig used his beight to scotch, either that or he swayed out of the line like a poplar in the breeze. One must be careful about calling an innings "great"

rtfordshire make final after crises

pavilion steps of Hoff and in five minutes three short corners were spent, one hit by

spells of anxiety. A well-sustained Essex attack with Taylor pro-minent posed a serious threat,

corners were spent, one hit by Menzies going perilously near the

mark. From a short corner, earned in the 15th minute, however, Hertfordshire themselves came within inches of another goal. Brooker's shot was saved by Kaye and the follow-up was stopped on the line by Escott

the line by Escott.

One of the best moves by Essex

One of the best moves by Essex was seen five minutes before the interval. It was one in which almost every forward took part, culminating in Nirinda Singh's shot which was well saved by Hurst. With the Hertfordshire defence still struggling to clear, Bond seized the ball in the middle of the circle and shot wide.

Back went Essex into the second half full of vigour and for 10 minutes they kept hammering away, but Hertfordshire went further altead in the thirteenth minute from a penalty-stroke. It

further ahead in the thurteenth minute from a penalty-stroke. It was disputed by some of the Essex defenders who thought that Escott had stopped the ball cleanly with his hand from Brooker's scoop, a riew which was not shared by the umpire. Whitaker converted with a well placed stroke. The penalty stroke was preceded by a short corner from which Brooker's first shot was well saved by Kaye.

Far from being dispirited, Essex

Far from being dispirited, Essex put more effort into their attacks and the Hertfordshire citadel was under heavy seige in the last five minutes. Hurst saved a strong shot by Menzies of a short corner, and there was a threat of a goal

and there was a threat of a goal from the scramble that followed, but Brooker cleared brilliantly from the line. The end came with

Lever. 16—1—53—0; Hendrick.
3—54—2; Greig. 16—2—70
Underwood, 20—6—54—2.
I. R. Redpath, not out
W. J. Edwards, c Knott, b Wills
"I. M. Chappell, c Fletcher, b
Underwood
G. S. Chappell, not out
Extras (1-b 1, s-b 3)... ENGLAND.—First innings Amiss, c Jenner, b Thomses Luckhurst, c Marsh, b Thomson H Edrich, c l. Chappell, b Thomson H Edrich, c l. Chappell, b Thomson H. Dennoss, l-b-w, b Walker H. Dennoss, l-b-w, b Liles

W. Greig, c Marsh, b Lillee ... A. P. E. Knott, c Jenutr, b Walker Lever, c 1. Chappell, b Walker L. Undorwood, c Redpath, b Total FALL OF WICKETS...-1.—8, 2.—265
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3-33, 4.—57, 5.—130, 6.—162, 7.—168
8, 8.—226, 9.—248, 10.—256,
BOWLING...-1.118, 1.—2.—5.—3; Walker, 24.5
—2.73, 4: Walkers, 6.—1.—18—1;
Jenner, 6.—1.—24.—0.

but in all the circumstances Greig's, I think, was.

AUSTRALIA.—First innings
R. Redpath, b Willis ...
V.J. Edwards, c Amiss, b Hendrick
I. M. Chappell, c Groig, b Willis
L. S. Chappell, c Fletcher, b

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Knott, b Cheness, b Kendrick
J. Jeanor, c Lever, b Willis
K. Lillee, c Knott, b Greig
H. N. Walker, not out
Extras (I-b 4, n-b 8)

Test scorecard

Sunal Gavaskar, will lead India in the second Test match against West Indies, starting in New Delhi on December 11, in place of the injured Mansur Ali Khan.

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Reading 1.

Waddington's knees may be wobbling soon

Norman Fox. Totally confused by seeing six different leaders of the first division in six weeks, those of us who are supposed to know something about football yesterday grasped at the positive statement of the bookmakers, William Hill, who announced that Liverpool were 9 to 4 favourites, with Everton at 6 to 1, and Ipswich Town and Stoke City on 7 to 1. A racing expert took one look at those figures and said: "It's a one-horse race", though he did admit that Leeds United were in the second division when he last went to a football match.

Stoke City's turn at the top this week is something of a Boy's Own story for their manager, Tony Waddington, who used to go around the bargain basements of the first division looking for famous players with wonky knees that might just last another season. Now he has the

To start with an admission, writes most expensive goalkeeper in Britain and internationals who are not always able to make the first team.

The work that Mr Waddington has put in to bring about what may be a passing moment of glory is reflected quite unintentionally, in his comment yesterday.: "In this kind of area, you have to encourage people to watch football. It is a question of projecting atmosphere. We must have personalities on the field as well as good footballers. I am very pleased at the way things are turning out now, but we must improve away from home."

Even in this baffling season in which five points separate the leading dozen clubs, attendances go from the absurdly low to the term's record of over 60,000 at Saturday's game between Manchester United and Sunderland, and no top team can be assured of victory over one from the lower end, the fact that

Stoke can head the table in spite of having won only two away matches in nine is extraordinary. And they are not alone in this inability to win away. Of the 12 leaders, Everton, Manchester City and Newcastle United have all only won once outside of their own territory. Stoke themselves are unbeaten at home, yet have not won away

since September 7. If, at last, the confusion is to clear and leave a picture of the future, the crucial period will probably be the next formight. This will be the time when the bookmakers could prove that keeping one's money with Liverpool is a policy based on experience. When the atmosphere becomes tense, Liverpool usually play on the nerves of their rivals. A win over Derby County at Anfield next week, and then what should be an easy victory over the now

forlorn Luton Town, could take

Liverpool back into the lead while Stoke have two away matches at Birmingham and Leeds.

Assuming that home advantage is going to be more than usually influential in the weeks before Christmas, London's only club in the chase, West Ham United, should continue to be as attractively successful against Leeds United and

Manchester City as they were at

Queen's Park Rangers on Sarurday. The fortunes of the lower London clubs get more complicated as they trample on each other in the scramble to get away from Luton Town and Carlisle United, who have aiready been stamped as the relegation certainties in some quarters. Arsenal's bleak 2-0 defeat of Middlesbrough and Tottenham Hotspur's 1-0 win at Sheffield United only made life more difficult for Chelsea, who lost 2-0 at Leeds and are in the hot seat, third from last.

Stoke may be the workshop | Old hands at helm as West Ham sail out of an elusive pot of gold

By Tom Freeman
They are talking seriously in the
Potteries towns now about the
chances of Stoke City winning the chances of Stoke City winning the Football League championship for the first time in their 100 years' history. Saturday's 1—0 win against Leicester City has put Stoke at the top of the table, a point clear, with almost half the matches

With the League championship more open than it has been for years it would be unwise even for years it would be timuse even for a Potteries man, like myself, to be over optimistic. Yet Stoke, on Saturday, showed the sort of deter-mination and confidence that

breeds champions.
On a pitch which reacted like a pudding in most places, where it was an effort to move the ball at all, let alone place it with any accuracy, Stoke set about Leicester

all, let alone place it with any accuracy, Stoke set about Leicester so vigorously it is surprising that their reward was a mere 1—0 victory. Indeed, it seemed that Stoke, for all their effort, were going to be deprived of a point until five minutes from the end when Smith finally forced the ball home.

From the moment when Hurst found the net in the opening minutes—the referee gave an off-side decision—until the final whistle. Stoke hardly ever let up in their efforts to find a gap in the Leicester defence, forcing innumerable corners in the process. You can imagine from this that it was not the ideal match for a 19-vear-old goalkeeper making his first appearance in League football. Yet young Carl Jayes for Leicester did reasonably well. Having so much to do he was obviously tense and nervous, particularly when handling the high cross balls, but he made one or two good saves

fine match: it

deprivation for the first division if either side should stumble and

and April. Both bave that sure bearing to mix in more influential company, and they paraded it before the biggest league crowd of the season—50,500—with a style which made the most optimistic expectations seem unambifour.

which made the most optimistic expectations seem unambitious.

Sunderland took the first half, Manchester the second, but the match tilted and swayed so that there was no rest for the noisy, northern choruses. An explosive two minutes early in the affair set the tempo and spiced the already charged atmosphere. First, Manchester struck as Macari timed his pass beautifully and Pearson swerved away to his left to dispatch a low shot into the corner. Within 60 seconds Sunderland had responded as Hughes bundled in Kerr's cross from the right; another minute and Sunderland, incredibly, were in front with a magnificent move up the left flank. Porterfield set it flowing, Hughes and Robson carried it for

Two teams with the class

By Tom German siders' middle line took a hold, When the tumult subsided and Manchester United were settled even more securely astride the second division. 3—2 winners at Old Trafford on Saturday over their closest pursuers, Sunderland, longer-term logic permeated the euphoria which attached to a the euphoria which attached to a fine match; it would be a sad reached two of them and was no

to mix in better circles

and certainly was in no way to blame for Smith's goal.

In contrast Shilton in the other goal was rarely troubled by his old team mates. Leicester played a sensible, if cautious, game, defending stubbasely with Cloyer and sensule, it cautious, game, defend-ing stubbornly with Glover and Weller using the drier, firmer areas of the pitch skilfully whenever there was a break. Leicester's scoring efforts, however, were severely limited.

Shilton's arrival at the Victoria ground for £340,000 has not been taken all that kindly by some of Stoke's older supporters who are critical of the whole policy of buying "big power". critical of the whole policy of buying "big names", pointing outthat in the old days Bob McGrory
produced a great team which
hardly cost a penny. However,
McGrory clever though he was in
finding great players from the
streets of the Potteries, never quite
managed to bring off the League
title. Tony Waddington, the present Stoke manager, could bring it
off this season, which would be a
reward for his years of patience,
persistence and dedication.

STOKES CTIVED. Shilton: J. Marsh. STOKE CITY: P. Shilton; J. Marsh. Pelic, E. Skeels, D. Smith, A. Dodd. Robertson, J. Greenhoff, G. Hurst ub: I. Moores: A. Hudson, G. Salmons.

LETCESTER CITY: C. Jares: S. Whitworth, S. Yaies, S. Earle, M. Monro, G. Gross, K. Weller, J. Sammels, F. Worthington, A. Birchenall, L. Clover, Referee: I. P. Jones (Trebarris).

Today's fixtures FA Cup

Kettering v Swansea (7.30)
Waymouth v Peterborough (7.30)
Waymouth v Peterborough (7.30)
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bath v Stourbridge (7.30). First
division (North): Bedford v Enderby;
Worcestor v Dunstable (7.30);
World (7.30)

reached two of them and was no

more than a boot length from claiming a treble.

Macari, a surer, more perceptive

player now that he has entrenched himself in the side, buzzed around the middle, McIlroy repeatedly intruded along the left and Manchester's attacking style was rekindled as Sunderland's lost some fits rounders. Nine begin

kindled as Sunderland's lost some of its roundness. Nine hectic minutes of the second half were sufficient to deposit the match into the melting pot as Pearson, with one of his rare chances to run at the defence with the ball, finally steered it across goal for Morgan to slide it in.

Morgan to slide it in.

The winner came just before the hour. Ron Davies, the Welsh international, just on as substitute and with his first touch of the ball in Manchester's colours, sensibly channelled it backwards towards midfield when Sunderland perhaps expected a more orthodox course. Forsyth and Daly helped it on its way and McIlroy made the vital application.

MANCHESTER UNITED: A Stepney.

A Forsyth, S. Houston, B. Greenhoff 19th, R. Davies: J. Holton, M. Buchan, W. Morgan, S. Vicilroy, S. Pearson, L. Macari, M. Daly, S. Vicilroy, S. Malone, R. Guthrie, R. Montur, D. Malone, R. Guthrie, R. Montur, D. Malone, R. Guthrie, R. Montur, D. Hullon, R. B. Greenhoff, R. Kert, W. Malone, R. Guthrie, R. Montur, D. Hullon, R. Guthrie, R. Montur, D. Hullon, R. Finney, R. Referee; G. W. Hill (Leicester).

By Norman Fox
After so many years looking like a spotless ocean going yacht that always stayed in harbour. West Ham United are at last on the point of joining the real race at the top of the first division. They have Leeds United and Manchester City as their next opponents, but after a tenacious 2—U win over Queen's Park Rangers at Loftus Road on Saturday, they are nicely positioned before the Christmas rush.

To give all of the credit to John

To give all of the credit to John Lyall for his realistic team man-agement is to ignore the fact that agement is to ignore the fact that West Ham have launched themselves into the open sea with two comparatively old hands after scasons of boasting that their best players came from within a tenpenny bus ride of Upton Park. Gould, ex-Coventry City, Arsenal, Wolverhampton Wanderers, West Bromwich Albion and Bristol City, and Paddon. ex-Coventry and and Paddon, ex-Coventry and Norwich City, have carried the West Ham revolution on their shoulders in true worker tradi-

If in this strange and rather misleading season West Ham should celebrate their 75th year should celeorate their 75th year by being champions, the chances are that Gould, in particular, will not receive a fair proportion of the praise. Whereas the contribu-tions made by Jennings, Robson and Brooking never seem to get overlooked. Gould is seen as the overlooked, Gould is seen as the break away without finishing their man who came back from the work, and it was in the middle

"sticks" to put some teeth into Ron Greenwood's fine and nustwideas. To some he is 15 years behind his day, a "centre forward" in the mould of the players who could charge a goulkeeper into the uet from six yards. He is really more like the MP's agent, someone who ensures that

He is really more like the MP's agent, someone who ensures that someone else gets the credit. Paddon is of similar type only in a midfield capacity, and he was the most positive and forceful player in Saturday's absorbing game. Much as the modernists would discredit the phrase, his ability is to "get stuck in". It always used to be something that only Bonds did for West Ham and it was something of an embarrassit was something of an embarrassment to them. Queen's Park Rangers still suffer from a similar deficiency—their midfield work is not had if the team happen to be winging but under pressure nowinning, but under pressure nobody seems to go out and win

the ball.

Unlike the West Ham of the past, the present team are not quite as protective about their "image" away from home. They withdrew at first, allowing Ran-gers to use Thomas and Francis to run at them, but they kept control of their own penalty area and after half an hour Jennings brushed a header past Parkes after Webb had failed to clear Paddon's throw-in. Rangers continued to

part of the game that Gould and Paddon continually regained possession for West Ham, with Gould often playing the ball back into the path of Brooking, who made a host of superb runs. Bonds backed him so aggressively that he had his name taken and Possessively. he had his name taken and Robson made himself unpopular by persistently standing within 10 yards at free kicks—he did win the ball quite often and having his name taken, as well, did not put him off

Appropriately, Gould, Paddon, Brooking and Jennings were all involved in West Ham's second goal in the second half—it brought a fight-back by Rangers to a jolt-ing halt and made them look far worse than they were. Jennings pushed a clearance to Gould and he turned the ball to Brooking. A pass that might have been ignored in the days of Peters and Hurst was turned into an oppor-tunity by Paddon who scored from about 20 yards. Rangers tried desperately hard to revive their desperately hard to revive their memories of a season ago, but nothing would come to mind and what they did make they wasted. A pedantic referee did not help anyone's rhythm.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: P. Parkes: D. Cionient, I. Gillard, A. Hazeli, F. McLintock, D. Webb, D. Thomas, G. Francts, D. Rogers, S. Bowles, D. Givens.

WEST HAM UNITED: M. Day: K. Coleman, F. Lampard, W. Bonds (sub P. Holland), T. Taylor, K. Lock, W. Jonninus, G. Paddon, R. Gould, T. Brocking, K. Robson.

Referee: M. V. Sinclair (Guildford).

A gifted team who travel none too well

By a Special Correspondent For the third time in six weeks, Manchester City's poor record in away matches has dislodged them from the top of the first division, On Saturday it was Newcastle United's turn to raise doubts about City's ability to stay the cham-pionship course. Without playing as well as they can, Newcastle won 2-1 at St James's Park.

of their 10 away games this season, Newcastle are also an inconsist-

riminal and so it was.

It was difficult to understand the method in Middlesbrough's madness. They were losing for the last 47 minutes of the match and

week, but during a game as well. For long stretches of the match they seemed incapable of stringing together more than two passes. One lost count of the times the ball landed at an opponent's fect even when the passer was not under pressure.

But they can just as suddenly start to play with great gusto and imagination. It happened against City. With 15 minutes remaining, won 2—1 at St James's Park.

City must be a maddening side to manage. They have richly gifted players like Donachie. Bell, Marsh and Tueart, and solid triers in Doyle. Oakes and Hartford. The team lack little in skill or effort, and yet they seem incapable of transporting their Maine Road form to other parts of the

form to other parts of the It was a sickening moment for country. They have won only one City, and Doyle in particular, for he had coped with Macdonald as well as anyone has this season. But

even eternal vigilance does not seem to pay off against Macdonald, who has a ferocious appetite for goals. He played a major part in Newcastle's first goal after 20 minutes, chesting down Kennedy's forward lob to Howard, who scored on the volley.

Clty were soon on level terms. Hartford forced his way through the defence before finding Tueart on his right. Tueart skipped past Clark before crossing to the far post, where Marsh headed an easy goal. But Newcastle's defence, in which Howard was outstanding gave nothing away for the rest of the game. IVE HOUSING WAY TO THE FEST OF 1E RAME.

NEWCASTLE UNITED: W. McFail Craig, F. Clark, T. Cassidy, G. Geloy, P. Howard, S. Barrowciough, Kennedy, M. Mardonald, P. Cannell, Smith 1840, A. Brucet, M. Marchester, CITY; K. MacRae.

G Hammond (sub. C. Barrell). W. Donachie P Henson, M. Doyle, A. Oskes B. Daniela, C. Bell, R. Marsh. A. Harpond D. Tuest. Felerec; E. D. Wallace (Crewe).

One reason why Arsenal will not go down

If Middlesbrough are the most adventurous team away from home in English football, then the game in English football, then the game in this country is going nowhere; not if Saturday's performance at Highbury is a fair example. Football cannot expect 25,000 people to remain faithful to this sort of negative play. Middlesbrough's manager, Jack Charlton, called it

last 47 minutes of the match and yet they played as though they were holding on to a point. They just did not know the score. Suddenly they shook themselves up when Arsenal added another goal in the eighty-second minute for the 2—0 win, but by then Middlesbrough had too much to do too late. do too late.

Before Saturday, Middlesbrough
had won half of their away

matches and in doing so had scored as many goals as anyone in the first division. Yet while their play may have explained something of their fine defensive record, it said little about how they score goals. They obviously missed Mills in attack and though Souness shows intelligent promptings in midfield, they could probably do with the experience of Murdoch in that area, too.

They have a dour team, which is not surprising with names like Foggon, Spraggon and Craggs. Someone once said to speak their names is like munching iron filings.

filings.

As Arsenal were the only side who bothered to go after both points, it was deserving that they should get them. They, too, were without players. However, in Powling, who played alongside Simpson, they have a young man of they have a young man of considerable promise. The effort-less way he went about his job

timing. George's return to the first team for the first time since September was not an explosive one but he showed enough thoughtful touches to make sure Arsenal find a place for this talented but unsettled player. It was he who was pulled down when racing through. That gave Arsenal a penalty, calmly taken by a somewhat subdued Bil.

what subdued Ball.

The persistency of Radford in attack is one of the reasons why Arsenal will not go down. Just before half-time he won a ball he had no right to and began the pressure which led to Brady scoring the first goal.

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Referee D. J. Biddle (Bristol).

Weekend results and tables

Hughes and Robson carried it forward with a measured exchange of passes which cut a swath through Manchester's ranks and left Hughes clear for the final stroke.

Assurance swelled from such slide-rule precision. The Wear-

European results

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Scottish second division

man out with broken nose

defence had several Essex still attacking.

Kirkman, the American 3ht who was to have met her at the Albert Hall. on Tuesday night, has n with a broken nose. He placed by Alberto Lovell, ntina, who has never in the world ratings, but utation as a hig puncher. his bouts have finished e distance, one way or

who had been training on since last Tuesday, he received the injury arring with the former ampion, Joe Frazier, in

Philadelphia before coming to London. He decided to have an X-ray examination on Saturday and went to London's Middlesax Hospital where the fracture was discovered. He leaves for home inday.

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Lovell, 6fr 3in and more than 15st, has been campaigning in Europe. He knocked out the former European champion, Jose Urtain, in Madrid a month ago and the Spaniard was down for eight minutes. He also has two decisions over Eduardo Corlett, another Argentine, well known in this country.

Athletics

Hill has easy win

Baltimore, Dec 1.-Ron Hill, of Great Britain, easily beat a field of 635 runners yesterday to win the second annual Maryland marathon. The race was run in freezing conditions which forced competitors to cover their skins with anti-cold creams. Hill, the record holder in the

in marathon

Boston marathon, covered the 27-mile course in 2hr 17min 23sec, over five minutes faster than the runner-up. Ron Kurri, of the United States.—Agencies.

First division

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Rugby Union

All Blacks can look back with pride Smyth's best ever hurdler will

By Peter West Rugby Correspondent.

At the end of a throbbing and At the end of a throbbing and thunderous match at Twickenham on Saturday, when the resurgent Barbarians pulled back with a red-blooded try by Mervyn Davies to make it 13—13, Irvine was faced with an awkward conversion attempt that, if successful, would have perpetrated one of the grosser interiors in modern rushy ser injustices in modern rugby history. He failed, and the match, if not the honours, finished even. How deflated the All Blacks must have felt, after everything their power, their skills and their enterprise had earned them, to be denied the ultimate lewel of victory here and, with it, a quite unsuffied record. They may still look back with pride on a major sporting achievement as this four came to its daunting climay.

The great Kirkpatrick can rarely have played a finer game. His captain, Leslie, shrewdest of defensive beavers, was little behind him in creative virtues, and the front five roared swiftly into action behind an outstanding loose trio. Going, as ever, orchestrated a powerful piece and both wings breathed fire and danger at every point. I award the palm on this occasion to Ratty for on this occasion to Batty, for whom the ball had not run well bitherto. Early in the game Batty hurled himself into the front row of the stalls to pop back again like a jack in the box. He covered superbly throughout, was involved in several excitingly un-orthodox moves, and contributed, in two vital ways, to one of the

The eight Lions forwards who dominated the South African pack were not now good—or sharply tuned—enough to dictate the game. With tactics, as it seemed inflexibly set on the premise that the New Zealanders also could e subdued by nine-man rugby, te Barbarlans left it too late to te faithful to their own ideals. The Lions did not triumph in New Zealand by superiority up front, but by having the skills and the nerve to run at their opponents with possession not always glit-edged—and sometimes to counter-attack with support more swiftly mustered from the wings and the full back than it was now. As it was, I doubt if Gerald Davies and Duckham got more than four passes between them, and Duckham hardly needed

to get his gear laundered. All Blacks will regret they were unable fully to capitalize on their considerable early pressure, when the two pucks first locked themselves in a crunch of beef-



Mervyn Davies goes over for his closing try which ensured that the Barbarians drew.

steak and the Barbarians were utterly outplayed in the lineout. The All Blacks frequently wheeled the scrummages on their opponents' put-in, to the inevitable discomfiture of Edwards, and the Barbarians, their backs to the wall, had little worthwhile ball to exploit.

Yet it was they who took an early lead when Bevan was late-tackled by Robertson after putting through a grubber, and Irvine kicked an astonishing goal, into the wind his side had elected to face and blob between the poets face, and high between the posts, from all of 50 yards. It was not until the second quarter that Karam, who already had missed one kickable penalty, was successful with another attempt from 30 yards.

In due course, Gerald Davies was also engulfed, notably by Tanner and Whiting, as he in turn tried to run in his 25 after gathering a kick by Karam. Going all but snaked through from the ruck and, from the next one, Leslie feinted to pass outside and then plunged over the line. The Bar-

only 3—7 down, pulled to within a point directly from the kick-off when Karam, whose return kick failed to find touch, was penalized for a late tackle on McLauchlan. Irvine pumped over his second goal, from 35 yards out.

McLauchlan attentions then was on the

McLeuchlan then was on the receiving end of a left hook from Kirkpatrick that led to three more points being needlessly yielded, irvine landing his third goal, from 45 yards.
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That made it 9—7 to the Barbarians, but Irvine, catching a mortar bomb from Going, was nailed from behind by Batty. Kirkpatrick spearheaded the hounds of hell and Batty, on the open side of the ruck, put in a diagonal kick to the right wing that Barty John would have been proud of; Williams collected it on the bounce to score unopposed, and Karam's conversion went over off the far bost. off the far post.

With time ebbing away, but true at last to tradition, the Barbarians spurned a kickable penalty, Edwards driving up the left and Preece failing to find Duckham with a crucial pass. Finally, from a Barbarians line-out, living came up outside his centres to put Karam under the hottest pressure with a high kick. Preece and Gerald Davies preceded the forwards to a profit-able ruck and Merryn Davies, using all his strength and skill, picked up to score. This was appropriate because, for the second time in four days, he had been the outstanding home

forward. Grward.

BARBARIANS: A. R. Irvine (Heriot's and Scotland): T. G. R. Davies (Cardiff and Wales). P. J. Warfield (Cambridge University and England).

S. Preace (Coventry and England).

J. D. Bernan (Coventry and England): J. D. Bernan (Aberavon).

G. O. Schwards (Cardiff and Wales): McLauchlan (Jordanhill and Scotland). R. W. Windsor (Pontypool and Wales). F. E. Cotton (Coventry and Ingland). W. J. McBride (Ballymena and Ireland, captain). G. L. Brown West of Scotland and Scotland).

M. Davies (Swansaa and Wales).

M. Davies (Swansaa and Wales). F. Stattery (Blackrock College and Feland).

concentrate on Cheltenham

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent

In moments of gloom and depression it is rather nice to be able to contemplate something good and refreshing. Next Satur-day Cheltenham should certainly provide the excuse for those who feel like escaping from their wor-ries and trouble if only for the

odd hour or two.

Just as those who flocked to
Twickenham or Old Trafford last
Sanırday had something to get
excited about, so should racing folk at Cheltenbara, where the Massey Ferguson Gold Cup and the Cheltenbara Trial Hurdle both the Cheltenham trial Hurdle both promise to be marvellous spectacles, more than enough to warm the blood on a cold December's day. Captain Christy, Crisp, Ten Up, and Bruslee are all due to meet in the Massey Ferguson and they may be joined by The Dikler.

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This race is a truly exciting prospect. It will be Crisp's first race since he broke down when beating Red Rum at Doncaster just over a year ago; the first appearance of either Captain Christy or Ten Up in this country since they won the Gold Cup and the Sun Alliance Steeplechase, respectively, at Cheltenham In March, and Bruslee's sixth race there in the past 14 months.

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Bruslee has not been beaten at Cheltenham, and if judged on the way that he won the Mackeson Gold Cup there last month, he is unlikely to be brushed aside easily, even in such a fierce contest as this. Hills betting on the race is: 6-4 Bruslee, 5-2 Captain Christy. 7-1 April Seventh, 3-1 The Dikler, 10-1 others. Crisp is muoted at 16-1. quoted at 16-1.
The Cheltenham Trial Hurdle is also something to savour. In what is fast becoming a war of nerves, neither Fred Winter nor Fred Rimell are backing down from their decisions to let Lanzarote and Comedy of Errors take each other on again. And Poetr O'Culleran on again. And Peter O'Sullevan has added more fuel to the fire by deciding to let Attivo run against the champion and the former champion on the very battle ground where they have excelled in the past, and where he himself scored his most resounding victory last

season:
That was the Doily Express
Triumph Hurdle, which Attivo won

by beating Banlien and Supreme Halo, and a timely boost to Attivo's ego came at Sandown Park on Saturday when Supreme Halo, who finished seven lengths behind him in the Triumph Hurdle, romped away with the Benson and Hedges Handlcap Hurdle. Admittedly, Supreme Halo was carrying only 10 st 10 lb, but few know more about this game than his vastly experienced trainer, Ron Smyth,

who did after all win the Champion Hurdle three times when he was a jockey.
After Saturday's race, Smyth was adamant that not many four-year-olds could have done what Supreme Halo did. He saw this performance as an endorsement of his long held belief that Supreme Halo is the best hurdler that he has ever trained. But Smyth sees no point in asking Supreme Halo to travel to Ireland just after Christmas to try to win the Irish Sweeps Hurdle, or for Flash Imp to do likewise for that matter.

Instead they will both concentrate on an English programme designed to ensure that they are at their best at Cheltenham in March, "when it matters most", March, "when it matters most, Smyth added. There was cer-rainly no stopping Supreme Halo on Saturday once Jeffray King on Saturday once Jeffrey King decided that the moment was ripe to unleash him on the stands side of the course.

In finishing third eight lengths behind Supreme Halo, the top-weight, Moyne Royal, who, carrying 12 st, was giving the winner 18 lb, can be said to have claimed the fair chare of the honours if

is for can be said to have channel his fair share of the honours if not the spoils. Not unlike Tingle Creek, who only a half an hour later made a truly gallant attempt to hump 12 st 6 lb to victory in the Benson and Hedges Handicap Steeplechase: In the end, only Dorless was too good for Tingle Creek, but his performance in defeat falls into place when one realizes that he was giving the winner 30 lb.

Michael Dickinson stands 6ft 2in, and it was only after he had spent hours in a sauna bath that he was able to weigh out at 10 st 4 lb Dorlesa's allotted weight. A relatively comfortable wining ride on Doriesa in a race that was worth just over £4,000 to the winner was his reward, and a just

Sadly, the race was deprived of

some of its appeal when Sooth-sayer completely misjudged the second open ditch, and paid for his carelessness. If there was a thread of comfort to console his rider, John Francome, it was the thought that the arm that he broke falling from Soothsayer was at least not the arm that he broke

twice last season. Richard Pitman took Francome's place on Frigid Fred in the Benson and Hedges Three-Year-Old Hurdle, and this newcomer Old Hurdle, and this newcomer to jumping ran well enough to indicate that his connexions will not be troubled placing him to win a similar race in the near future. Frigid Fred finished fourth. His race was won by Jer, who obviously finds this game much more to his liking than flat racing.

racing.

By the late and great racehorse Sea Bird II, Jer failed to fulfil his owner Charles St George's expectations, when he was trained for flat racing by Noel Murless. But lack seldom deserts Mr St George, and now thanks to Ryan Price, and Prui Kelleway, Jer has been moulded into a more than useful hurdler, one of the best recruits that we have seen this autumn. racing.

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Our Edition is another beginner.

whose name must be borne in
mind but in a different sphere.

After watching him win the Ben-Arter watching him win the ben-son and Hedges Novices' Steeple-chase, his first race over fences, it was easy to understand why both Stan Mellor and Jeremy Glover have, for a long time, main-tained that this seven-year-old is a

Having just watched Glover school Our Edition over the fences on the practice ground above Upper Lambourn, Mellor cace told me that Our Edition had not only jumped well—like an old hand, so he said—but that he seemed to love every minute of it. That was evident ou Saturday, when Our Edition taught his more experienced rivals a thing or two. Obviously it is early days yet, but I shall not only be surprised but disappointed if his name does not feature on my short list when it is time to think of the Sun year's National Hunt Festival.

Clerks oug to inspect courses wi trainers

By Jim Snow

No one in his right senses relish the job of being a of the course in the winter : and yesterday Kit Patterso under heavy fire from thre ing trainers over his deci call off the Sedgefield mee Saturday. The trainers Saturday. The trainers Arthur Stephenson, Denys and Ken Oliver, three mo vast experience and year year high up in the list of trainers.

None of the three minces

when they heard that Se-had been abandoned on S morning because the com-waterlogged. They were in suggesting that Mr P had made a wrong deci calling off Sedgefield. Oliver, who has twice as ; teur ridden the winner Scottish Grand National, the days when he had rid fences after he had bely groundsmen to clear th away from the fences on t off and landing sides. Kit Patterson counter-a In his official statement the round was so waterly Sedgefield that it wo dangerous for jockers an to race over it. When comes, or trost and snow November and March, t solution to decide whether solution to decide whether is fit or unfit to race in the hands of the stew, the clerk of the course, be a good and wise deciwell as a precaution, to for two leading trainers company as they walked recourse, and for them to giverdict. As long as the is that of the clerk of the representing the srewards meeting, there will be cound criticisms from trains. Today's meeting at where Mr Patterson is al of the course became a national hunt meeting los weather this season when discovered that parts of th umberland course logged vesterday afternoon other meeting at Southw

S Africans back on rugby map

yards.

From a South African Rugby Correspondent Paris, Dec 1

South Africa 10 Ian Kirkpatrick, the substitute coach who came to France when pneumonia struck down Johan Classen, took the Springhoks by the scruffs of their necks and turned losers into winners, described the dramatic second described the dramand second international here at the Parc des Princes on Saturday as "a game I never want to live through again". Hannes Marais, who in his 35th international led South Africa for the last time, called it "possibly the hardest Test I have ever played in my life". South Africa had to hurl back a furious early assault by the Frenchmen, edge slowly away the lead and then hold on to it desperately in the closing stages before they finally won 10—8 to clinch the two-match series 2—0.

The victory made the Springboks

Coventry and

be guest teams

By Peter West
Coventry and Orrell have been invited as the two guest teams in the Middlesex seven-a-side finals at Twickenham at the end of the season. Coventry have Duckham, Rossborough, Preece, Evans and Cowman to choose from among their backs, and Cotton at forward, so it is not difficult to say which side the others have to beat. Coventry retained their title when winning the Rugby Football Union club knockout competition last April. They have been celebrat-

club knockout competition last April. They have been celebrating their centenary this year, but were in fact officially founded in 1875.

The invitation to Orrell is a further feather in the cap of this lancashire club who have made such an impact in the past two seasons with their performances in the knockout competition. They reached the quarter-final round in 1973 and the semi-final round earlier this year when they defeated Harlequins and Northampton before going down to

ampton before going down to London Scottish.

London Scottish.

Orrell won the Rugby School and Glengarth Sevens at the start of this season. They reached the last four in the Selkirk Sevens and were unluckily beaten in the first round of the Harlegulus invitation event by the eventual winner.

event by the eventual winners, Bridgend.

The British Lious' full back, John Williams, has made his mark on rugby again immediately on his return from South Africa. After helping the Welsh XV in the fine game against the All-Blacks at Cardiff on Wednesday, he insured

diff on Wednesday, he inspired London Welsh to something like their reat form as they bear Harle-

quins 18—7 at the Stoop Memorial ground on Saturday morning.

A number of the Cambridge team who are certain to be chosen for the university match did not play at Northampton on Saturday.

A 13-13 draw was therefore a highly creditable result for Cam-

were absent. Warfield was at Twickenham; the rest were either ill or injured. But only in O'Callaghan's case, which involved a hamstring, is there any doubt about his readiness for December

Northampton scored twice in the first quarter of an hour of an en-joyable game while Cambridge, old and new, so to speak, struggled to find each other. Harding's passes

flew around Breakley's shoulders. Hodgson found his tackles being slipped, and the forwards looked

A 13—13 draw was therefore a highly creditable result for Cambridge, who were 13pts down at rely on getting the kind of possalf-time. Both sides scored a goal, a penalty goal and a try.

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By Gordon Allan

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By Peter West

and their prop, A. Voquerin, and South Africa their hooker. Cockrell, was a desperately close thing which ultimately only swing. South Africa's way by a fraction of principle.

That was the fraction by which Henri Cabrol's boot was off line in a conversion attempt in the dying minutes of the game. Dourthe had just scored a second try for France. Cabrol was in a position to draw the game. But His kick looked true enough to start with, but then, at the last moment, it veered away to the right—an ironical reflection of The victory made the Springboks the first team ever to beat France at the Parc des Princes where the accoustics and the traditionally partisan and volatile French crowd can be a shattering combination for the morale of any visiting right—an ironical reflection of French fortunes in this game. Like that kick, the French too seemed to be heading for victory in the beginning. And never more of than when little ...Jacques Fouroux, the French scrum-half and captain, scurried away to send

By Michael Hardy

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Oxford must not be written off.
That was the message from liftley
Road on Saturday, when the University pulled off a victory against
a strong Gioucester side by a goal,
three tries and a penalty goal (21
points) to a goal, a try and a
penalty goal (13). After a series
of defeats and much indifferent
play, it must be immensely
encouraging for them to get such
a result in the last match before
Twickenham.
For the first 20 minutes, Oxford
played with gusto. They piled into

played with gusto. They piled into anything moving that bore the red and white hoops of proud Gloucester; they ran well; they handled well; they passed well. And as Machiavelli once pointed out, fortune, like women, goes to the brave.

At the end of the first quarter, Oxford were 14 points ahead, and the spectators were convinced they had witnessed the unveiling of Oxford's secret weapon. This was Ray Burse, from Kentucky, who has played only a few games of rugby since he came to Britain. However, with the background of sprinter and baskethall player, he aiready possesses admirable qualities for a winger.

Whether Kent and his co-selectors will risk playing him in the

tors will risk playing him in the university march is another matter. He lacks positional sense, but against this he could be a march winner, and there are not many of them around

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Waterman, a steadily improving full back, scored the first uy. But it was Burse, a deceptively fast runner, who made possible the second, scored by Macdonald, and who bimself ear the third

who himself got the third.

It was too much to expect such

with a future.

Northampton, a team in transition, who were beaten by Oxford in October, were vigorous and direct. Their young pack responded well to Powell's leadership, and Page kicked with care, length and precision. Biggell scored their tries, the first after Allen had left Hodgson sprawling, the second after a hack and chase. George kicked a conversion and a penalty. Warlow and Wood scored Cambridge's tries, both from long

however, these wrongs were put right.

The Cambridge forwards were baten at the lineouts, but broke even at the right scrummages and, inspired by Warlow, blazed away inspired by Warlow, blazed away inspired by Warlow, blazed away in the large with the widers the control of the large wrong warlow in the large with the widers with the large with the widers with the

A Canadian at Cambridge with a future

maintain its record of never having lost an international in France. And it also helped put the Springboks, still smarting from their defeats by the British Lions, back on the map as a rugby nation to be reckoned with. But as Kirkpatrick and Marais so aptly said, this bruising battle which cost France their full back, Droitecourt, and their prop. A. Vaquerin, and the flanks. Boffelli and Saisset. the flanks, Boffelli and Saisset.

In the 60th minute Bosch fed his backs, Snyman made the overlap and Stapelberg, a new cap since the series against the Lions, crashed over for a good try. Bosch's trusty boot seemed to seal the game in the 75th minute, but the French were far from finished. They stormed back and Dourthe scrambled over after first pushing through a grubber kick for the try that might have salvaged the game for France bad Cabrol been the flanks, Boffelli and Saisset. ie for France bad Cabrol been

game for France had Cabrol been on target.
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Referen: R. F. Johnson (England).

sparkling rugby to last. It did not. Gloucester, their pride bruised, snarled like a big dog that has seen too much of the puppies. Fidler was penalized for over-enthusiasm in a mau!. Bayliss was warned by the referee. Finally, the international, Watkins, was sent off after an incident which resulted in Waterman having to be helped off the field for a while.

It must be a long time since a Gloucester side played so badly. The game became scrappy and niggling, though towards the end Gloucester had done something to convince us that they could still run the ball. J. Dix gained a good

miggling, though towards the end Gloncester had done sometifing to convince us that they could still run the ball. J. Dix gained a good try to add to his first-half score, and Butler converted

Oxford, whose forwards seem greatly to have improved their mauling and "corner-flagging" added a try and a penalty goal, both by Quinnen. He missed three conversions and three penalties, however, and a question mark must remain over the place-kicking.

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Referee: R. C. H. Williars (Stafford-shire).

dived over. Wood dribbled through for his twentieth try of

through for his twentieth try of the term after a dummy run by Breakley on the Cumbridge 25 and a grub kick by Hodgson.

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Oxford introduce a secret

weapon from Kentucky

Match decided by a try in injury time By Alan Gibson

Bristol 7 Plymouth Albion 6 The last time I saw Plymouth Albion play at Bristol, they were give a hiding by something like 70 points—a man short for most of the match. I was a Plymouth supporter long before I became a Paristol supporter and honed to Bristol supporter, and hoped to see Albion do better yesterday, when the sides met in the first round proper of the national knockout competition. So they did. Albion would, in

fact, have won the match had it-not been for the extraordinary amount of injury time allowed by the referee. At the last Morley scored the try which gave Bristol victory. It was the only try of the match, and this is a sound resson why Bristol deserved to win, as they did, by a try and a penalty goal to a dropped goal and a penalty goal.

penalty goal.

Plymouth, with slightly the better of a cross-wind, led at half-time by a penalty goal, kicked by Fabkan. Pearn brought Bristol level with a penalty. Plymouth had been hard-pressed, but raised their same to put in another attack.

been hard-pressed, but raised their game to put in another attack, as a result of which Fabian dropped a goal.

The Plymouth forwards, though they were better at spoiling than winning possession, continued to keep Bristol in check. The best Bristol forwards were the old warriors Watt and Rollitt, who kept their heads and legs when many about them were arguing with each other. There was Pullin, too, who several times won the ball in critical circumstances, even against the head with his pack going backwards.

It was interesting to compare Vosper and Pearn at scrum half. Pearn has more talent and imagination, but Vosper is tougher, and again and again be came out with the ball from a loose scrummage, and tucked it away down the touchline. Elllot, the Plymouth full back and captain, also tackled and cleared in many difficult situations.

nouth this back and captain, also tackled and cleared in many difficult situations.

But weariness tells. The Bristol try did not come from any planned movement. Somehow, from a maul on the Plymouth 25, the ball reached Morley, and the cover of last was not there, at least sufficient cover for a runner like Morley, for whom you need two men. Over he went, a fine try.

BRISTOL: D. G. Tvier: A. G. J. Morley, D. P. Sorrell, P. L. Waters, K. C. Plummer: A. H. Nicholis, A. F. A. Pearn: M. J. Fry, J. V. D. S. Sheppard, D. E. J. D. S. Sheppard, D. E. J. D. S. Sheppard, D. E. J. Pronch, M. Shilabert, N. V. Sheppard, D. Stonehong, R. Friend, T. Fasten, N. Redgrave, D. Figge, D. Owen, G. Miller, A. John. Referoe- V. T. Martin (Corriwall). tackled and cleared in many diffi-

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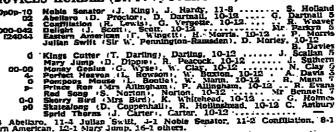
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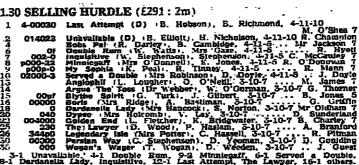
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Southwell programme

1.0 NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I : 4-y-0 : £170 : 2m)





2.0 HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE (£340 : 2m 74yd)



2.30 NOVICES STEEPLECHASE (£170: 3m 110yd)

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OZA120 Geom Bow (J. Rose), J. Hartle, R-11-2 S.

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Southwell selections 1.0 Noble Senator. 1.30 Unavailable. 2.0 My Dorling. 2.30 E.4' NED is especially recommended. 3.0 Silver Bing. 3.30 Money

Squash rackets

Nastase's showmanship in unfamiliar environment

By Rex Bellamy Squash Rackets Correspondent

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Ille Nastase, former French,
Italian and United States tennis
champion, played an hour-long
squash rackets match at the Lambton Squash Club, North Kensington, on Saturday. His opponent
was John Beddington, author of
Play Better Squash, who is a useful
club player with a depth of experience that inevitably gave him
an advantage over Nastase, who
had played only once. Nastase was
in London for two days before flying to Melbourne for the Masters
tennis tournament.

The Romanian's showmanship

The Romanian's showmanship delighted the crowded gallery. He found squash harder work than tennis but enjoyed his thing invasion of an unfamiliar environment. His tribulations were punctuated by such asides as: "The ball is too small... the racket is too small... the court is too small.... —I can't run anywhere ! " Nastase reckons squash is good for the reflexes. But his own, of coarse, are astonishing enough to need no help from squash

The same afternoon a wider public had their first view of squash when BBC Television showed recorded extracts from the Duniop Trophy match between professionals and amateurs at Wembley.

help from squash.

bley. The camera only parily solved its greatest problem, pick-ing up the flight of the ball, though those familiar with the game could, with difficulty, follow the pattern

of the rallies. The game's con-siderable physical demands were seldom evident and although this was something of a tutorial, there was little attempt to educate viewers in basic strategy.

Even more odd was the fact that, though there were four days for editing, the most spectacular squash of the evening was not shown and little use was made of potentially dramatic close-ups from the camera behind the front wall. Perhaps the technicians were dissatisfied with their endeavours

dissatisfied with their endeavours in these areas: or the BBC cautiously refused to attempt too much too soon. They are to be congratulated on achieving as much as they did. But although this was an impressive trial run, it was not the best of advertisements for the game.

The losers of those relevised matthes, Philip Ayton and Michael Corby, will contest this evening's final of the Abbeydale (Sheffield) awateur invitation tournament, sponsored by Thorntons, the

awateur invitation tournament, sponsored by Thorntons, the chocolate and toffee manufacturers. Yesterday, Ayton, who won the last 18 points, beat John Richardson 9-4, 3-9, 9-4, 9-0 and Corby. Who carned no more than a penalty point in his first 11 minues on court, came back from 1-8 down in the first game to beat Peter Verow, 10-8, 9-6, 9-0. There was much gifted and lively squash, but the matches were patchy. In both, the players seldom produced their best form simultaneously. Verow was the most inconsistent of the lot.

Motor racing

MACAO: Macao Grand Pret 140 Lesi: 1. V. Schuppan (Australia). Marcil 722. Ihr String 40 Pilsec: 2. D. Purley (England: Cherron Ford 136 Lesi: 3. H. Adamezyk (Mengkong).

Rackets

Harrow relax and almos throw victory away

By Our Rackets Correspondent point. Once, admittedly the Barrow's third pair, Dick than saved his side with Rridgeman and Christopher shot. But it was a life of the barrow of the barro Bridgeman and Christopher Shots from House in Shots from House and the against the top Charterhouse pair, Marlborough's win on Marlborough's win on the shots from House and the against the top Charterhouse pair, Andrew Barker and Michael Hooper, the Surrey cricketer. in the Noel Bruce Cup for rackets at Queen's Club yesterday. Their win by 9-15, 15-10, 15-9, 18-17 put them into the first round proper in which they meet the second Harrow pair, Charles

and Timothy Hue Williams.

When leading 9—1 in the fourth game, Harrow were heading for a comfortable win. Their steadiness had tamed the Carthusians.

Ohlson was outplaying Barker in the backhand court and Bridgeman, a knowledgeable doubles player in his class; had nagged Hooper into overhitting. The sight of victory made the Harrovians casual and when Char-

terhouse began to recover, the growing slipperiness of the court, due to condensation, made play hazardous enough to become a leveller. The left-handed Barker had a useful spell of serving to put Charterbouse ahead 13—11. Here Hooper muffed a shot off the wall.
When Harrow made it 13—13

play became tense and a trifie scrappy. Charterhouse renched 16—13 and had five more hands

fourth pair, when Timoth and George Bird beat Beeson and Michael F 15-9, 15-5, 6-15, 4-1 took a similar course. Bi mer serving in the first r Then Bird began to overt as someone suggested, hit the ball hard he sho played it soft, and vice-ve The Etonians came ri into the match and the Mc went to pieces, until Half aged to take control in game. Marihorough now second seeds. Et a I. Milne and William Coone. Milne and William Brone.

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For the record

Racing results Chepstow

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2.15: 1. Young Arthur (11.8 fav).

2. Tom Dooley (16-1); 5. Race Riof

2.40: 4. Restley Boy (2-1); 2. Sixer

7-1; 5. Junior Partner (6-1). 5

ran. Fort Lodge did not run.

2. Lis: 1. Dawn Breaker (6-1, fav);

2. My Cantain (9-4); 5. Farthingirle
(16-1). 17 ran. Wild Ante did not run.

Sandown Park 1.0: 1. Norwassian Flag (10-11):
2. Nobie Neptime (9-4): 7. Prattie Uog (7-2). 8 rm.
1.50: 1. Our Edition (7-2): 2. Stierr Delight (31+: 3. Tun Morgan (5-2). 8 rm.
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Creek (13-2); 3, Amarina (13-1) 10 ran, 3.0; 1, 3er (100-30 fav); 2, 0ld Chad (13-1); 3, Aztec Star (11-2), 20 Rugby League FIRST DIVISION: Bramley 20, Wake-field Trialty 7 SCCOND DIVISION Oldnam 17, Entrey 2

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Featherstore Rovers 25. Hallax 3:
Rothidale Hurnels 5. Keighter 19: York
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SUJOND DIVISION: Hull Kingston
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(14-1). 8 ran.

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3.46.44. Lacrosse

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: Old Hulmelans 12, Ashton 12: Urmston 6, Old Waconlans 13 ENGLAND SENIOR FLAGS: Second runnd: Purier 21, Old Sedeoplans 3; Backburn fill 2, Oxford University 10, London University 10, Hunteslead 16, SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: Resuon X, St Holler 8, WOMEN'S MATCHES: Cheles CPE 12, London University 2: Hatch End 15, Mount School 0.

BOXING
PARTS: WEC world raddleweight championship; Rodrigo Valdes (Colomba) knocked out Gratten Tonna (France) in 11th round.

ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE, 190-5 suites 6, Buttatu Sabres 1, Lanadker 7, St. John Russ. 1 Magle Leafs 7, Wichington C. Minnesta North Sers. 1, the Hawks 1; Duroil Red Minns Chy Spouts 0, Vancouver 12 New York, Leinders 0, Los Rings 1, Boston Bruins O. Los Rings 1, Boston Bruins 0.

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layes pulls back four trokes on Player

o de Janeiro, Dec 1.—Gary er dropped four strokes to er Hayes (US) in the third dof the Brazilian Open golf apionship yesterday, but the hAfrican still leads by four es after his world record-ling 59 in the second round. In the half a third round of 66, or took 70.

The strokes to tell you how thrilled I am, I have fulfilled the one big ambition I had left in golf ", he went on.

Player birdled the first, sixth, seventh, ninth, 10th, 12th, 13th, 16th and 18th holes, and eagled the third. At the 16th his one-iron shot finished in a bunker. He told the caddie to take out the flag and the ball went straight in the hole.

yer said afterwards: 1
d only a fair game today. You
, it is strange teeing up after
day's 59—a sort of let yer is only the second r in history (Sam Snead was irst) to break 60 in a major nament, and he made his innament, and he made his inble 10-under-par score in
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have been training for 20 to achieve this goul ". Player of, and heside him. his wife ie was visibly ecstatic. Player of his luck—there was ething in the air" a "state ice" he called it. He recalled Gavea has a deserved reputof being a trough course and ino secret of his feelings; ry single detail is engraved internery and will be until 1 coring a 59 is like doing the

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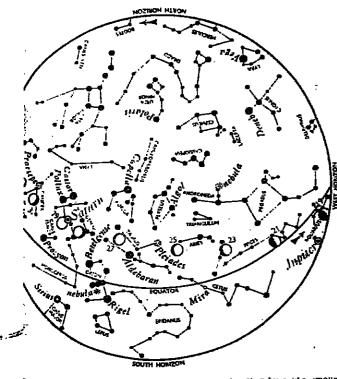
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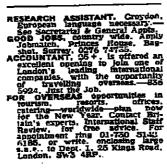
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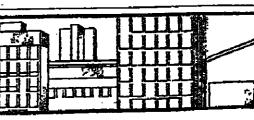
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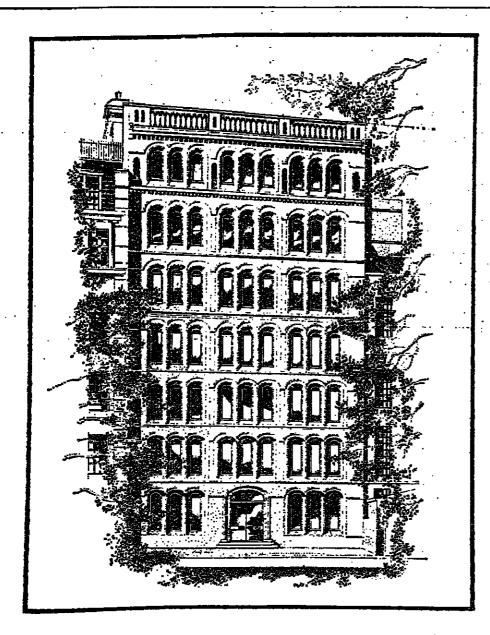
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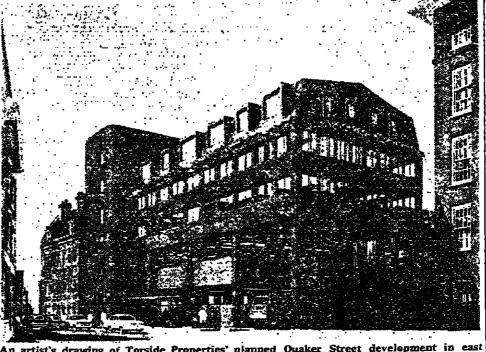
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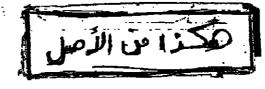
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Pearl Harbour, December 7, 1941, was certainly an earthquake; so to most Americans was October 1. 1949, when Mao Tse-tung proudly proclaimed a new China. And it was the Americans, whose engagement with East Asia has been the closest and the most emotional, who felt the tremors of Korea to be another earthquake. They are even now still reeling from the slocks of Vietnam.

For the British, Asia was naturally enough the Asia of the empire:

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that was Belloc's view—though imperial Asia has vanished from the sights of a younger generation resting its revolu-tionary hopes on China as some of their fathers did on Russia. And looking for a definition of East Asia from the rest of the continent one might indeed start with the limits of empire and non-empire, but this might imply that the essential difference between one region and the other was vely been separated for most fact in the lives of its inhabi-

ern rule would be at the costand what a cost it has beenof putting Vietnam on the wrong side of the dividing line. It would also exclude from the ex-colonial side countries such as Thailand or Nepal which belong culturally south or south-east Asia and which look upon the West as a source of aid or a model for emulation in much the same. ways as the other countries do. seeing themselves as reflecin a western mirror, readily adopting western def-initions such as "Asia", the "Third World", or "develop-ing" countries. Their political ups and downs, their mutual relationships, their continuing hostilities all follow a compar-

able pattern. East Asia is different East Asia is unique not merely in Asia but anywhere else outside Christendom as being the only civilization conscious of itself as a civilization, as a totality, as a structure; a civilization which resisted western expansion in the era when that expansion changed the course of every other part of the world. The definition is quite precise: East Asia is the civilization of China and those three other countries that look to China as the classical source: Japan, Korea and Vietnam; a cultural area that has effecti-

quence acquired a sense of its still fragile. own superiority as well as its uniqueness. Not until the nineteenth century was this pos-ture effectively challenged by the West.

The distinction between East Asia and the rest might seem now to be only an historical one. Moreover, having taken East Asia out of the meaning-less label "Asia" there are many other sub-divisions that could be offered for the rest of the continent. But it is the attitude to the West of these two main divisions, of East Asia and all the rest of Asia. that is the point. East Asia rejected the West, the rest of Asia over a period of time accepted it. The tidal waters of the West crept up over south and south-east Asia over four centuries-Spanish and Porguguese religion, British and Dutch trade, French cultureall left their alluvium. For all these countries their post-war independence means going on from where they are, not going back to where they were before the West intruded. East Asia said no, holding the dykes as best it could or rescinding an entry permit when it became apparent that the walls of their own civilization might really be breached. Today the East Asian walls still hold. The civilization is still a conscious

Like the continental faults the outcome of empire and of its history from the world's tants even though the contact uished visitors from a hospital whose slow but resuless shift that would be a half-truth; other main centres of civilize and knowledge existing be bed: what kind of China after ing occasionally shatters the moreover the division by west-ation and that has in conse- tween its constituent parts is Man and Chon is the outcome. tween its constituent parts is

When the Chinese talk about

imperialist "cultural aggres-

sion" that is not mere communist jargon; it expresses a reality in their minds. The canker has got in. There are intruders to be evicted. And what is obviously true of China is no less true of Japan, Korea and Vietnam. Their somewhat uncertain consciousness of a shared political inheritance has not been drained away by their different experiences change. The reaction of all four countries to the western world remains as alive in their minds today as it was in the nineteenth century. Above all, the questions raised about civilization and its their superiority, its preservation or its adulteration, its feelings about the world "outside" and its adjustment as a group of nation states to that outside world—all these have yet to be resolved. The tremors that were set going in the nine teenth century are not yet at

If that is not enough reason for looking more closely at East Asia, the conjuncture of recent events may underline it. There is China, for example, with its long-lasting first revolutionary founder waiting for his days to end and seeing his chief of staff of so many years smiling his greeting to disting-

Mao and Chou is the question of the puzzled outsider. Or Japan, happy enough to leave the American post-war occupation behind after 1952 and to turn from war to a peaceful way of combatting the West: by beating them at their own game of economic growth. But when economic growth itself comes into question? Besides, that doubt, what of China? A newly communist China was a problem that could be solved by hiding from it while the Americans were busy containing it. That has now changed and Japan finds the seventies a the fifties and sixties. What does this new world portend and how should Japan face it? Another unanswered question. As for Korea and Vietnam the point hardly needs rubbing in. A war fought in Korea and what did it achieve? What is to be the future of a divided or a united Korea? Does the western world any longer think that its decision is the one that will determine the outcome? And Vietnam? Do he same questions not return the same answers? The goes on and Vietnam will solve its own problems in the long run. By any standard of change in the world what next in East Asia seems a relevant

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Counting the cost of the Vladivostok arms pact

Do the understandings reached the status of shorter-range sysat Vladivostok constitute Dr tems based in Europe. Henry Kissinger's much sought "conceptual breakthrough " in strategic arms limitation? It is far too early to come to any hard and fast conclusions on the subject, for the simple reason that the provisions announced earlier this week are only meant to provide a framework for a possible SALT agreement in 1975.

But within the joint statement released at the summit is the outline of a future arms that is astonishingly broad in conception, controlling not only numbers of offensive missiles, but strategic bombers and multiple warhead deploy-ment as well. However, even the Administration released full details of the Vladivostok understandings, critics began to point to possible prob-

The new agreement will only

In formulating new ceilings for offensive weapons, the agreement will incorporate "relevant" portions of the existing five-year interim agreement Thus, it seems unlikely that the new accord will significantly alter missile limits agreed on in 1972, which provided the Soviets with 2,358 launchers and gave the United States 1,710. If, as the aggregate scheme implies, bomber numbers are added to these totals, the Soviet total stands at 2,498, the United

States at approximately 2,150. The inclusion of bombers in an overall aggregate ceiling of 2,500 tends to erase the imbalance in missile launcher numbers contained in the interim agreement, a sore spot among critics of the accord. But in so doing, it has dashed the hopes of those who argued for overall reductions in launcher numbers. While it appears to have left

cover the so-called "central the numbers agreed to in 1972 strategic systems"—land and intact, it is not clear whether sea-based missiles and long-other understandings worked range bombers—and, according out in the interim agreement to Dr Kissinger, will not affect will be included in the new

for Soviet "heavy" missiles will remain in force, but the question of which of the new class of large missiles under develop-ment in the Soviet Union will be included in this category remains unanswered.

United States, in a unilateral statement attached to the 1972 agreement, also said that reployment of mobile missiles was 'inconsistent" with the accord.

The most controversial aspect of the Vladivostok package was the means devised for controlling the deployment of multiple warheads, or MIRV's. The total number of MIRV's is not constrained, only the number of missiles on which they can be placed. Like the ceiling on delivery vehicles, an aggregate approach has been devised, which will allow either side to place MIRV's aboard any mix of land or sea-based missiles it

At present, the United States is placing MIRV's aboard both types of missiles and by 1977 will have deployed almost 1,200 such launchers. If press reports

chooses.

been chosen as the MIRV ceiling, then the Soviet Union, which has only tested these devices, would be free to place MIRV's on a major portion of their large-payload, land-based

If the Soviet Union does exercise its MIRV option, it is arguable that she will possess a sufficient number of warheads to threaten United States landbased missile force within the decade. This eventuality will certainly pose some difficult strategic questions for the United States. Under the new launcher ceilings, each side will apparently be able to mix its forces in whatever proportions it sees fit. Thus, the United States could face the problem of land-based missile vulnerability by phasing our these systems and building more bal-listic missile submarines.

Another solution would be to amend the terms of the 1972 treaty on antiballistic missiles o allow the construction of hard site "ballistic missile defence installations to protect the larger number of vulnerable

Both these solutions latter, especially, would be provocative. In the shorter term, the

Americans bave problems of a different sort to work out. Already critics on both right and the left appear dis-satisfied with the agreement. The liberals complain that the high ceilings have provided a carte blanche for new arms programmes like the B-1 bomber and the Tridem submarine. Hardliners, on the other hand, point to the apparent payload has secured. If, as some com-

dvantage that the Soviet Union mentators argued, the Vladivostok understandings were designed to keep the detente pro-cess alive, it has likely come at the cost of an acrimanious debate and future strategic anxieties in the United States.

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The case for a bank to deal in food instead of money

Some 10 years ago The Times published an arricle by me pro-pounding the idea of a World Food Bank. Today, when the problem of food supply and distribution, which was then menacing, has become calamitous, this idea seems the missing piece in the programme adopted by the world food conference in That programme included:

A world food council to coordinate the work of international agencies. An international fund for agricultural development.

An international undertaking on world food security based on nationally held reserves, sup-ported by an information ser-A commitment to provide, on a

three-year forward plan, commo-dities and financing for food aid, to a minimum of 10 million tons of cereals per annum plus certain other foods. A world food bank would pro-

vide a rational structure for the third and fourth objects and would hold the whole programme together.

The essence of the concept is that the World Food Bank would not stockpile food any more than an ordinary bank stockpiles currency. Just as an ordinary bank has to be in a position to lay hands on enough cash to meet any likely call that may be made on it by its depositors, so the WFB would have to be in a posicion to lay hands on enough food to meet any probable call for it by its own creditors. This it would do by buying futures and holding liens on stocks held by or under the control of governments or international organs such as the European Com-

Many transactions conducted with WFB credits, perhaps most of them, would be done directly between clients, involving a book transfer between one country's account and another's, rather than the actual furnishing of food by the bank, just as most of an ordinary bank's business is done by clearance of cheques rather than paying out currency over the counter. Apart from its actual supply of food, it would operate, like other banks, on the basis of deposits and advances expressed in money, and would be able to invest any funds not held in claims on food such as have been mentioned, to switch funds from one currency to another, and generally operate like an international

There would be a system of mandatory minimum deposits, bearing no interest, to be made contributory governments. Beneficiary governments would be entitled to interest-free advances, up to maximum levels to be internationally agreed, as science, has two prongs: an would be the scale of mandatory overall shortage of foodstuffs.

The problem has of total supply and of its di two prongs: an overall shortage of food and the inability of those

who need it most to buy it

deposits. The contributory countries would be those with food surpluses plus advanced countries with food deficits which were willing to partici-pate in world food aid, among them, one would hope, being the United Kingdom. The benefi-ciary countries would be poorer countries with food deficits, either chronic or caused temporarily by natural disaster. They could use their credits at bank, representing their potential advances, to buy food either from the bank itself or on the open market or by special deals with producer

countries. Besides its balance between deposites and advances, the bank would need a base of equity capital to supply its initial working funds and its reserve. It is suggested that this should be voluntarily subscribed by the contributory countries, with a limited call while the bank got under way, and remunerated by a dividend not exceeding a fixed maximum. The working expenses of the WFB would be met from its investment income, any net profit on food transactions, and if necessary a small levy on them. It would be free to accept deposits and make advances on a commercial basis over and above the mandatory

The board of the WFB, which would appoint its chief execu-tive and principal officers, would comprise representatives of both contributory and beneficiary governments. It must not be seen as an instrument only of the rich for dispensing their largesse to the poor.

It is obvious that merely setting up a financial institution does nothing to increase the world supply of food. To that extent the WFB concept leaves the problem of feeding the ever-growing number of mankind unsolved. But the imme-diate problem of hunger, which rightly afflicts the world's conneed them most to buy the in short, a combined prob

A world food bank is design to belp solve the latter par the problem. Incidentally could contribute something wards solving the other par it took under its wing the two points of the Rome gramme initiated by the w food conference. Its constion would well fit it to do and this would avoid the exp and confusion of a multiple of organizations operating related tasks in the same fir

The long-term effect c also contribute towards soithe production problem thre the price mechanism. On face of things, putting i national purchasing power food at the disposal of coun which would otherwise possess it would pro tanti crease the overall demand thus put up the price for e

body. The world food supply demand complex is fragme not only by national and reg-policies of agricultural def and stabilization (subsidies port duties, levies and pro-tions, guaranteed prices, prices, stockpiling, etc), but by special inter-governme deals at negotiated prices. key fact is that, broadly st ing, those countries which afford it get what their sumers want, at whatever they have to pay, internal internationally.

The WFB would enable a tingent of needy benefic those which can afford to for food, the bank itself I sometimes the purchaser their behalf; thus they w not be the last comers (have the benefit of longcontracts and mass buying. effect must be to draw out i production, partly through element of market stabilize which producers and merch would rightly see in the pres and operations of the bank

Alternatively, or si taneously, the increased e tive international demand, l ing to higher prices, would to some economy of const tion in the richer count which will be necessary any if even they are not to feel pinch of shortages as w population swells.

It is foolish to think that starving can be fed without s sacrifice by the affluent. task is to organize and ratio ize that sacrifice and the n humane distribution of power buy food which it implies.

H. V. Hods

Perhaps the most surprising thing about Sekt is that Germany has managed to keep quiet about it for so long.

At first sight, the word may seem totally foreign to you.

Say it a few times to familiarise yourself. Then cast your mind back to a trip along the

Now you may recall a wine of almost apple like freshness and bite that was served to you, perhaps one warm summer's afternoon, That must have been Sekt.

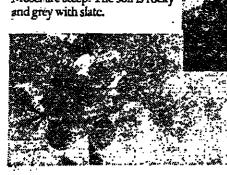
And in all probability, it was Sekt from the House of Deinhard. But your German hosts, perhaps through

their long familiarity with the exquisite taste, didn't think to tell you about it at the time. So to make up for lost time, we'd like to tell you about Sekt. What it is and where it

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German vineyards are the most northerly in the world and are exposed to sudden cruel frosts that can spoil a potentially rich

The slopes of the River Mosel are steep. The soil is rocky



A mazingly, this unlikely terrain produces the grapes that make possible the finest, most delicate white wines in the world.

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Tiny as it may be, the German Riesling grape is the most cherished of all Rieslings. No other shares its gift for balancing sugar and acidity so perfectly. And this Riesling is the secret of Deinhard's Sekt.

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Cuvée Lila Sekt is now being imported

Many people will wonder how Germany has managed to keep quiet about something so good forso long. But in the event, it could turn out that

the most surprising thing about Sekt is how quickly the British decide they like it. Cuvée Lila Sekt. From the House of Deinhard.

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Why pressure is growing for a five-yearly

"The census on Sunday will out in favour of changing to a sons for the delays in publish been discussed very fully since another abour education complete the series of decen-five-year census. Earlier this ing the information has been 1971. The National Council for qualifications. In month the Greater London that many requests were sent Civil Liberties is unlikely to But the OPCS is rather to the control of the Greater and the control of the Greater contro the counting is to be every five years", reported The Times in 1931. The forecast was premature: there was no full census in 1936, nor for that matter in 1946, 1956 or

The putting of a "few simple questions", as the originator of the census saw the exercise, has remained a 10 year event. However, within the next few months the Government may decide to name the day for 1976.

Pressure for the change has been growing for some years. There is nothing within the act on the census to prevent a quinquennial count—indeed it specifies that the census should not be held less than every five years. An example has been set by Canada, West Germany and France, while Australia and Ireland are like

Britain considering the idea. Since 1971 every local auth-ority and almost all govern-ment departments have come

In his final report on Thailand.

Michael Leapman discusses whether a picturesque and in

some respects a backward country can build a tourist industry without destroying the

very charm which attracted tourists in the first place. .

and attractive features. Houses are built on stilts at the edge of the water, and much com-

merce is transacted in long, narrow boats.

The floating markets are a

powerful tourist attraction.

Most visitors go to the one on
the outskirts of Bangkok, but,
precisely because they do, it

has lost part of its authenticity. Shops along the banks sell clothes, pottery and trinkets for visitors. Small children pester

them to buy souvenirs and post

I went to another market some 60 miles west of the

capital. My guide said that a year ago this had been a

genuine market with no concessions to tourists. But because tour firms had started taking

visitors there, this too had by now suffered the fate of the

We had to go a further few miles out to find a market

which had not so far been

exploited. Here it was notice-

able that there were far more

waterbound traders buying and selling mainly fruit and

vegetables to each other from their boats. Clearly the best busines for them, if not for the

shops along the water's edge, is

before this market, too, loses

one at Bangkok.

its authenticity.

Life on the water-on the rivers and shallow canals—is one of Thailand's most unusual Council decided the matter was urgent enough to approach Mrs Bacbara Castle, Minister for Health and Social Security,

Institute of Strategic Studies.

The reason for the pressure from local and central govern-ment lies in the fact that census data has become an essential tool for the planter. A tool, which it is argued, must be constantly sharpened.
After the 1961 census local authorities found they had often taken decisions which

were wrong when later set against the statistics. They reacted by asking for more material to be extracted from a 10 per cent count in 1966. Councils were beginning to set up their own intelligence units and by 1971 the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys found a trend had become a deluge of demand.

The OPCS was asked to extract four times the information required from the 1961 census. One of the major rea-

after the census. Computer processing schedules were changed and changed again as orders, including the demands of two royal commis-

sions arrived. The census provides material which can be used for planning schools, roads, homes and transport. It can tell a local authority where there will be demand for a primary school in 10 years time or where more buses would speed com-

muters to work.
The planner feels that information should be as up to date as possible because the population has speeded up its rate of change.

Apart from drawing up plans the census can aid financial decisions. At a time when money may be hard to get, it helps to have the best figures available to strengthen the case against other projects. The arguments against the quinquennial census have yet

to emerge since it has not

they will certainly lobby to alter aspects of it if it goes before Parliament They will attempt to make it

voluntary and fight for tighter measures to ensure confiden-tiality. The range of questions will also be examined to see how far they intrude into privacy. The fact of the census will cause little problem but its nature could create as much stir as it did in 1971. The OPCS is still recovering

from that year which proved to be a trying time given the amount of criticism and the delays afterwards. It has worked to put its house in order with a new, large computer, and a request to cus-tomers for orders in advance. At the same time a new, shorter type of questionnaire has been tested. In future, apart from basic questions, other sections will be varied so that one householder might be

asked about commuting and

marching. For two years that have been many promises decision but little else.

Lords were told in June decision would be taken be the summer recess but it

General elections and string of crises have obving pushed the subject back de the list of priorities for a Cabiner In a period of governmental economy there may doubts about spending £20m needed.

Advocates of the 1976 centred that time is now running out and the Government have to make its decision so It takes 18 months to prepare the census because of parliamentary work require printing the 20 million for and recruiting the 100, staff. If the decision is left \$\frac{y}{y}\$ long will the census face m problems if it goes ahead?

Stewart Tend

The Times Diary

Laying it on for the tourists

foreign currency earnings, after rubber and rice.

The people who, run the tourist office are conscious of the possibility of over-exploitation. Certainly they know the danger of creating too many places like that hill tribe village I described in an earlier report, where the viliagers do little but try to sell you things. Yet although it is unreason-

able to want it all ways, there are times when the tourist would welcome a little cosseting. The attitude to visitors at some of the fine old temples and pulaces is sometimes annoyingly offhand. I went with a coach party to

see the King's summer calace at Bang-Pa-in, about a three-hour drive from Bangkok. The most magnificent building there is-Chinese, a gift to the King from the Chinese traders in the capital more than 100 years ago. We arrived before the advertised lunch closing time but found that the caretaker had sloped off early, so we could not get in. There is no help for visitors at the Buddhist temples, either. done when the place is at the Buddhist temples, either, uncluttered by sightseers. Yet They can take off their shoes I suppose it will not be long and wander round, but there is precious little information about vlist they are seeing. At similar Thailand does well out of sights in most other countries tourism. Last year it had over you would not be able to move a million visitors and it is the for the crush of guides in tradicountry's third largest source of tional local dress.

Some of the innovations for tourists work well. One of them is a new passenger boat which runs day trips up the Chao Phya runs day trips up the Chao Phya river from the Oriental Hotel. (All old tropical hotels worth the name have been immortalized by either Graham Greene or Somerset Maugham, and in the Oriental's case it is Maugham.) The trip gives a magnificent picture of river life, passing small fishing boats, large rice burges with curved zinc rous, and boats pulling team logs down river, bound with bamboo for flotation. bamboo for flotation.

The Thais make much of their traditional dancing. It is charming stuff, reminding me in some ways of how people behave at smart cocktail parties -fixed smiles, expressive hand gestures and rapid and frequent crossings from one side of the room to the other. If you see too much of the dancing it can seem a little one-paced, but creditably they have made no attempt to jolly it up for visi-

You cannot quite say the same about the food. That offered at tourist restaurants is bland by comparison with that served at the cheaper recthurants which cater for locals. That food has elements of Chinese and Indian. There are hot curries, which lean more heavity on chillies and ginger than those from India.

The soups, often deliciously flavoured with lemon grass, are closer to a Chinese concept. They are served during the meal and not before it.

To conclude my reports from Thailand. I can only say that it is a place of great charm and spirit. An Australian diplomat told me: "Anvone with the slightest capacity for compro-mise can bardly fall to have a good time here." I am certainly glad to have had the chance ro go there for nothing. Go your ealf if you can afford it.



Squirrel Margaret yesterday (drawn by Richard Sawers).

Meadowland

It is some weeks since I brought you news from Meadowland, for in truth little of note has happened there since the election, which the rabbits won narrowly. As soon as they had done so, they began digging thmselves in for the hard winter everyone believes to be ahead. Jeremy's hedgehogs have already entered their seasonal hibernation, and nothing at all has been heard of them since October.

Last week, aithough the rabbits were having their annual conference, it was the squirrels who were making the most interesting news, and in particular the redoubtable squirrel Margaret. First she announced that she was going to challenge squirrel Edward for the leadership of the species.

Then she caused a still greater stir by revealing quite shame-lessly that she was indulging in behaviour amounting to an almost satirical exaggeration of a squirrel's normal habits. She

said she had been storing exceptional quantity of nuts a other provisions to protect land her family from the hocaust to come. Moreover, advised others to do likewise Although some applauded l foresight, many others depion her action, pointing out that everyone did it, great shortal would ensue.

It is believed that her adu ted acquisitiveness might ha Margaret's chance of wrestli the leadership from Edwa. On the other hand, she has st denly begun receiving unusual quantity of invitation of the street of to dinner.

Diplomacy The British boast an.

pressive presence in Bangkold a fine modern embassy alors side the splendid Edwardi buildings of the old, all warch over by a statue of Que Victoria. They also have the city's highest flagpole, as thereby anys a tale which the county of the city's anys a tale which the county approximate the city's highest flagpole, as the city's anys are the city's highest flagpole, as the city's approximate t sounds aprocryphal but whi I am assured is true. When the Americans

building their new embassy the were anxious that their flat pole should outreach a others. So the ambassad phoned his British counterpa with an lonocent-soundir query about the exact height (

The Brirish ambassadi immediately gave him the answer, but when the Americapole was built it was still few feet shorter than ours. The wily and perfidious Briton, we taught in the cuming ways of diplomacy, had instantly recor nized the motive of the Amer can's question. So he had lic by a crucial dozen feet or st

Wines and spirits

a Special Report

The British are drinking more wine — about 11 bottles a head of the adult population, Pamela Vandyke Price, our Wine Correspondent, writes.

This is a long way behind France and Italy, who manage about 161 bottles a year, but it would seem that, although wine is still considered a luxury, the prefatory adjective "sinful" has at last been dropped. There are, however, many who still assert that they cannot afford wine, but nevertheless manage to pay for doubles of spirit-based cocktails, gallons of squashes, cordials and fruit drinks, and so much confectionery and sugar that the United Kingdom is at the top of the world sweet tooth because

Kingdom is at the top of the world sweet tooth league. The hundreds of table wines that can still be bought for £1 or less of quality sufficient to please anyone make wine both a bargain and a true convenience food. A splendid octogenarian, badly crippled, wrote that it was less trouble for her to give a small glass of Cyprus cream sherry to a visitor than to make even instant coffee; the man or woman required to eke out fish fingers or bread and cheese with the unexpected and perhaps important caller can count on the fare being made more than adequate with the help of a table wine.

The enormous increase of sales of wine by mail order and the beginning of serious wine marketing by Marks & Spencer indicate the existence of a market that is prepared to sample and accept wine drinking as part of the life of the seventies, as they tried and now enjoy the avocado pear and aubergine, the fondu party and the barbecue.

In any magazine article about entertaining, the bottle

In any magazine article about entertaining, the bottle of wine near the table is as typical a "prop" as were candles in the 1950s and wooden peppermills in the 1960s. Even if the cynical remark that the increase in wine drinking reflects the need for release from the tensions of our times (sparkling wine consumption always rises sharply at periods of crisis), such things as the wide interest in home-made "wines" (not strictly wine according to the definition of the Wine and Spirit Association), the making of alcoholic beverages using imported musts and cultures, and the remarkable quality and quantity of wines from English vineyards would seem to have established that wine is once more the drink of the British Isles.

There is, of course, much spectator drinking as well. Lavatories are papered with the sort of labels that indicate a vast and choice consumption of wine in the household—not always born out by the provision of a single bottle between six or eight people at a meal, and the placid assertion by many husbands that a half-bottle tan uneconome size in both quality and quantity) is "quite enough for my wife and myself". Bottles of fancy shapes sell in huge numbers, and the comment about turning them into table lamps is not wholly a jest.

Newly-married couples acquire "suites" of glasses, many of which are mean in size, cheats in colour, and of shapes which make it impossible to enjoy any wine. Restaurants which rely heavily on the description "atmospheric" equip themselves with wine racks above the hotplate, so that red wines come semi-mulled to table, they warm brandy glasses (brandy warmers are still suggested in gift features), and they use the wine cradle at the table. Supermarkets and some shops expose bottles to hours of

strip lighting-which is also heating-and sunlight, and



few pubs or even wine bars seem to be aware of the fact that sherry and all aperitifs should be served chilled, and that these drinks and vermouth deteriorate once opened and should be drunk within seven to 10 days.

People who find it as necessary to have "my" wine merchant as they do "my" broker, bookmaker or sauna parlour, and who are now acquiring "my" wine club still confidently assert their special knowledge by proclaiming, "I like Nuits St Georges" (when there must be dozens and possibly hundreds of Nuits St Georges, all different): or, when talking to anyone who writes about wine asserts that of course they know nothing about wine at all—when millions of words are written and spoken on the subject every month. It is still a matter of surprise to those who "leave everything about wine to my husband" that there are a number of women holding high positions in the wine trade.

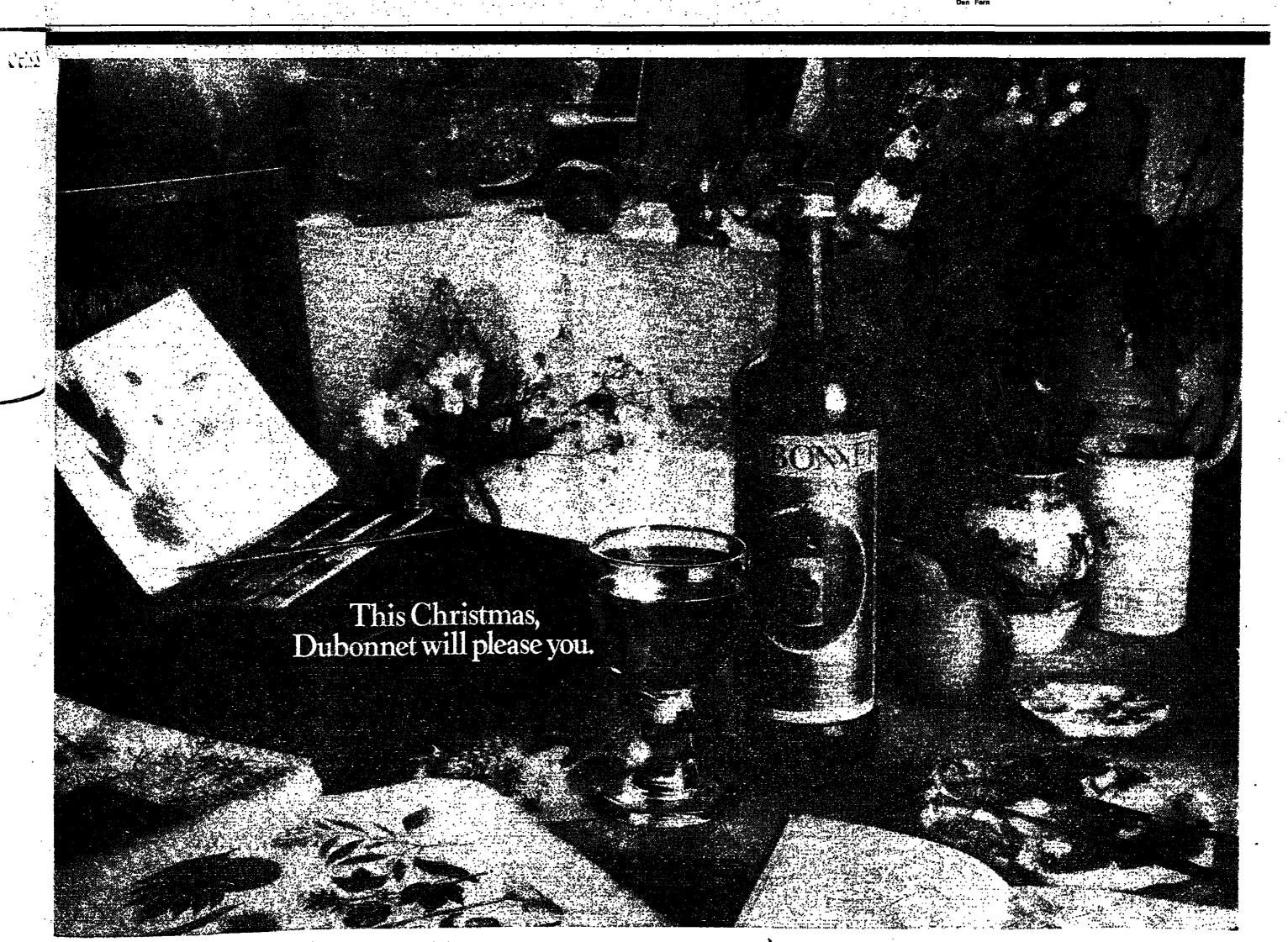
The most notorious spectator drinkers, however, whom I admit I have never managed to meet, are often described to me as "wine tasters". How the rest of us contrive to sample the contents of a bottle except by tasting I cannot tell. "Wine tasters", who I believe like the adjective "expert" associated with them, doubtless do their tasting rather in the manner of one inhaling Friar's Balsam, or holding the glass high up to the light of a guttering candle. Their chesis surely clatter with the insignia of wine fraternities, and they tend to write furiously to wine journalists about firms who "muck around with wine" and ask why we only mention "expensive" wines when they can get "Chablis" or "Beaujolais" for 60p a bottle." If I did meet a "wine taster" I should probably have to

apply the term "interesting" to him or her. This word, for wine lovers, has awful significance: it is usually uttered when one is asked to give an opinion on a beverage so unpleasing that one plays for time while searching for the least insulting way of telling the truth. Among those who truly love wine, of course, even the most damning comments will not give offence—it is perhaps the only topic about which violent differences do not affect friendship or reflect on hospitality.

Yet, in spite of all this—the current equivalent of the Thurber "naive little domestic Burgundy, but I think you'll be amused by its presumption"—there are wonders in the British wine world that make us the envy of many nations. There are more types of retail outlet: supermarkets, off-licenses, department stores, retail chains. merchants whose premises date from the eighteenth century, independent wine consultants issuing their own lists to selected customers, small-scale shippers specializing in the wine of a subsection of a wine region, wine departments of breweries (able to ship quantities of a size that enables them to offer wines at bargain prices), firms con-centrating on mail orders, cut price shops, cash and carry firms, wene bars offering bottles to buy, wine clubs, and the editorial columns of magazines and newspapers in which single bottles or selected parcels of wine are suggested by those who are not competing with the wine trade but who sometimes see the requirements of readers from a different angle . . . these are all facilities the British public can use for buying wine.

There are more specialized courses in wine being arranged, although the subject is still relegated to one or two sessions in training courses for caterors or amateur cooks.

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A love affair that is burn and barley

"Whisky", said my romantic chance to oust brandy from colleague, looking pensively its eminence as the prime into his glass, "began as a spirit for civilized drinkers. love affair between a High
Phylloxera raged through land burn and a field of the vineyards of Europe in barley." Appropriately, his the 1880s and by the end of name is Grant, a big name in that decade the Charente the whisky business along vineyards were almost wiped

whisky, that pure Highland distilled was non-existent. By

Phylloxera raged through

out and the thin acid white He was talking about malt wine from which brandy is

whisky prospered. The brandy-deprived topers of London rejected the thin, harsh fiery vegetable blends and discovered the joys of the Gaelic eau de vie uisge-beatha, the water of life from the Scottish Highlands.

spirit once so little esteemed the turn of the century the of the Lowland Scot and the taste of whisky, there was The future of whisky was in south of the bens and glens French brandy trade was in demand did the rest. The one last bid by the malt dis- the balance. Experts were south of the bens and glens that hardly any of it ever such a bad way that 99 per Lowland distillers found that tartlers of the Highlands to such a bad way that 99 per Lowland distillers found that tartlers of the Highlands to sale and more and more distillers of the Highlands to called and their evidence was used in the patent stills or bender of the highlands to save usgebeatha from adult the reaction. The men who still the reaction. The men who still grain whisky. It made no distinction be and more and more distillers on the palate. The such a bad way that 99 per Lowland distillers found that tartlers of the Highlands to called and their evidence was bleng the almost tasteless stuff as we usgebeatha from adult the reaction. The men who still the reaction. The men who still grain whisky. It made no distinction be and more and more distiller on the palate. The such a bad way that 99 per Lowland distillers found that tartlers of the Highlands to called and their evidence was blong and complicated. But the real issue at stake was the patent stills or be and the patent stills or be obtaining malt and offering mal

The wine trade in Europe Highlands had plenty of instrument of this was the was reduced to such dire flavour but was more expensionally council of Islington in Straits that one framous port sive to make.

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The case opened on Novembeatha, the water of life from the Scottish Highlands.

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It was, and is, argued that fying his wine with whisky instead of the unobtainable brandy.

From this misfortune whisky prospered. The brandy-deprived topers of Lowlanders to make cheap and discovered the thin, harsh fiery vegetable blends and discovered the joys of the mature and substance successful prosecutions for brandy adulteration and it that this and after seven sittings no of it south to the Lowlands, Laphroaig, Lagavulin and "chateau-bottled" whisky is and after seven sittings no of it south to the Lowlands, Laphroaig, Lagavulin and "chateau-bottled" whisky is and after seven sittings no of it south to the Lowlands, Laphroaig, Lagavulin and "chateau-bottled" whisky where it was blended into the whisky which became respectable only after the Government had appointed a royal commission which, in 1909, found that whisky is "a spirit obtained by distillation from a mash of cereal grain. Sac-fashion has turned and the world famous and males like brave effort to mar classed two months and after seven sittings no of it south to the Lowlands, Laphroaig, Lagavulin and "chateau-bottled" whisky is and after seven sittings no of it south to the Lowlands, Laphroaig, Lagavulin and after seven sittings no of it south to the Lowlands, Laphroaig, Lagavulin and after seven sittings no of it south to the Lowlands, Laphroaig, Lagavulin and after seven sittings no of it south to the Lowlands, Laphroaig, Lagavulin and after seven sittings no of it south to the Lowlands, Laphroaig, Lagavulin and after seven sittings no of it south to the Lowlands, Laphroaig, Lagavulin and after seven sittings no of it south to the Lowlands, Laphroaig, Lagavulin and after seven sittings no of it south to the Lowlands and malts like brave it was blended into the whisky become the whisky brows against a number of local province of the whisky brows that whisky is "a spirit obtained by distillat

tained by distillation from a But the tide of drinking in taste between them that tinctive flavour, for mash of cereal grain, sac-fashion has turned and the you are unlikely to mistake money (alas, far too m charified by the diastase of malts, once drunk only in the Laphroaig for Talisker.

tween the pot-still method ies which once soid an them and the patent stills or be-production for blending are tween a mash of peat-dried bottling malt and offering it barley as used in the High-for sale in various ages and lands or a mash of mixed strengths as "château-bottled lands or a mash of mixed strengths as "château-bottled lands or a mash of mixed strengths as "château-bottled lands or a mash of mixed strengths as "château-bottled lands or a mash of mixed strengths as "château-bottled lands or a mash of mixed strengths as "château-bottled lands or a mash of mixed strengths as "château-bottled lands or a mash of mixed strengths as "château-bottled lands or a mash of mixed strengths as "château-bottled lands or a mash of mixed strengths as "château-bottled lands or a mash of mixed strengths as "château-bottled lands or a mash of mixed strengths as "château-bottled lands or a mash of mixed strengths as "château-bottled lands or a lands o

Whisky the undisputed king

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whisky, gin remains the rum are moving to the more second most popular spirit tasteful variety. with the British. Gin has With brandy we are again

deal of exaggeration of the been devoted to white rum seen that liqueurs—a profit-rising popularity of straight that many people think it able if tiny percentage of malt Scotch whisky. There has superseded the tradi-imported spirits—and other has been increased interest tional dark and more punimports of spirit provide in it during recent years gent spirit. The total market only a small proportion of and a proliferation of was 1,600,000 cases in 1971 British consumption and a proliferation of was 1,500,000 cases in 1971 British consumption.

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likely that as much as 2 per year will probably show a troduce innovations I doubt

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Official figures do not from volka—has made all lasting impression on the last informed estimates and the figures of only informed estimates and the figures of the Andalucians their deliciously bitter-sweet fragrance.

Chambéry, the lastest of Chambéry, the lasting impression on the mouths with its clean "non-commercial" flavour, is south a deflation with the same and the figure for 1974 the Andalucians their deliciously bitter-sweet fragrance.

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suffered severe competition faced with having to esti-

Scotch exports continue For 1974, almost two million buoyant. In the United cases is the estimate. Stingdom demand for Bourbon, Canadian and Irish years ago, that vodka-drinkwhiskies has slightly increased, but sales remain negligible compared to Scotch.

1971, in 1973 1,600,000 cases. Issted in the category of imported sweetened spirits, including most liqueurs, sold 400,000 cases in 1971; 1973, 400,000 cases in 1971; 1973, 700,000; 1974, about 800,000. Unsweetened spirits: 1971, 300,000 cases; negligible compared to drank it grew up, could make the provided spirits: 1971, 300,000 cases; negligible compared to drank it grew up, could make the provided spirits: 1971, 300,000 cases; negligible compared to drank it grew up, could make the provided spirits in the category of imported sweetened spirits, including most liqueurs, sold 400,000 cases in 1971; 1973, 300,000. Unsweetened spirits in 1971; 1973, about 800,000. There has been a great So much advertising has to 400,000, but it will be

Blithe spirit that is the senior statesman of the brandy world

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M Pierre Janneau, a What is not generally rea-major exporter of Armag-but Armagnac is produced There are three Armagnac matured. They are made fized is that Armagnac is nac, said: "Gascony is cut by a method of slow con-regions: Bas Armagnac, from a Gascon heart-of-oak, the senior statesman of the off from all other areas and tinuous distillation which Tenarèze, and Haut Armag- and no other was ever used

There are three Armagnac matured. They are made than Cognac.

Rupert Do

Mystery of the aperitif in France

their deliciously bitter-sweet fragrance.

The Germans have their give the crisp local wines light, very similar to a *jino* lovely moselles, the Italians such a delicate flavour and sherry; but I find that the

learnt from else, for that matter, outside more fragrant. I find it the region where it is made delicious and fainly sweet—the Savoy Alps whose it needs to be well chilled sweet herbs and flowers like all vermouths and sermore fragrant. I find it delicious and fainly sweet— it needs to be well chilled

> most welcome revenant on the British market, the single vineyard sherry La Guita, shipped by H. & V. Wine Agencies among the manzanillas, all cost nearly £2 a bottle now, which puts them into the luxury class. Luckily there are alternatives. The three sherries in the excellent Dry Lustau range, a fino, a manzanilla at only about £1.15 a bottle.
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> Ingham Whitaker's light dry Virgin Marsala, shipped by Findlater's and available from all Findlater Matta times of war or severe that a times of war or severe crisis the consumption of sparkling wines rises markedly. The saying justifying this, which relates particularly to champagne, is "In victory you deserve it, in defeat you need it".
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> and a beautiful dry oloroso, But I think that almost can still be bought more cheaply-£1.60 is an aver-

Hicks & Don of Elmham, Dereham, Norfolk, have an extraordinary Cyprus finostyle sherry at only £10.82 a case, simply called Palest Dry, and a good South African dry sherry, Cape House, for £12 a case. There is another solution:

the sherry-like wines of Montilla-from which amontillado gets its name, wines from the tot heart of Andalucia, grown on an out-crop of the albariza soil of Jerez. They are fresh and even stronger sun of Cor-

fuller, and sweeter aperitif wines that I love come into their owr

ved with a slice of lemon in the glass. They also have a red Chambery, quite frankly sweet but subtle and a really dry, long-matured ppealing.
Sherry, for so long the virgin marsala with its nutty

Sherry, for so long the virgin marsala with its nutty bouquet, deep flavour and blass soared in price almost as much as champagne; all my old favourites—Garvey's San Patricio, La Riva's Tres Palmas and Valdespino's Inocente among the finos. Garvey's La Lidia, Find-later's La Luna, and that most welcome revenant on the British market, the

defeat you need it."

Although the figures from June, 1973, to June, 1974, to Jun

Fitish enjoying wine more

Colour Magazine

Several vintages that were not wholly satisfactory, stocks have tended to run down, and the higher prices of the world's supreme sparkler reflect the reasonable wish of the great champagne the head of Roederer at that houses to husband their reserves. There are now a amateurs are also on the increase, although there are still numerous requests to the wine trade for "a People are still shy of the several vintages that were is outstanding, is a firm exemplifying the stupidity of sekt are made in Germ down, and the higher prices of the world's supreme sparkler the reasonable wish of the great champagne the head of Roederer at that houses to husband their refused to make other has for years been por than a slightly sweet champagne at Glyndebourne. Here are now a great number of the luxury curée wines available saice Dom Pérignon pioneered this market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, allowed the substantial solutions of the stupidity of setter to drink dry.

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selection is available.

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the wine trade for "a speaker and a free tasting" saying they do not like from the sort of associations when they think that simply required they should do, either someone to shall those because the label is pretty actending into amiability for the price high. But there is nothing remarkable in Bri market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, alm market—Dom Ruinart, Veuve sweet Champagne is a fine, Recently Deinhard, al

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Something to go on, besides price.

It's natural to suppose that the more you pay, the better the wine. But now, for as little as 70p, you can get good French wine with the from where it says it comes from. to sweet. From about 70p to £1.50.

VDQS stamp on the label. It's a stamp of quality awarded by the French Government VDQS stands for "Vins Délimités de Qualité Supérieure

approved vineyards). It means that the wine comes

It's made in limited quantities.

From traditional grape varieties. By approved methods. And every three months an official tasting committee makes

WRITE FOR CARLET TO POOD PROMERANCE OF BEPARELEY STLLOTTON OWE. SAD.

(or wines of superior quality from sure the wine is up to scratch.
approved vineyards). There are white wines, reds and roses. From light to robust, from dry

> You'll have to look carefully for the VDQS stamp. It's usually about this big: VDQS wines from France.

still numerous requests to the wine trade for "a speaker and a free tasting"

Yet the British are truly being able to pick or enjoy enjoying wine more as well the firest wines, which as actually drinking it stand out; the skill comes the still wine of Champagne of the when cheap wines are finest private cellars in the selected for the unexpected world below our damp pleasure they can give to earth, and in our envisibly the drinker at a price and appropriate the still wine of Champagne the still wine of Champagne the lion's share of the market. But rising labour costs have sent the price of champagne the United Kingdom is will partner the food finest private cellars in the selected for the unexpected world below our damp pleasure they can give to the drinker at a price considered wet bonds (which make for solw maturation). We can are shill unwilling to accept buy wines from all the world—Argentica, Chife, actually make it more california, the Soviet Union, tant to pay fair prices for and the sort of Mediter-and the sort of Med

"At the present time, wine always order: smoked sale in consumed with meals out, more, Dover sole, duckling or other than in the course of filler steak, for example.

A restaurant will problem that is regarded as a sar more of substituction. This conclusion forms more modestly priced. The second consumers of survey. But there is every to fir two years the more sophisticated the electron and predictable beavily advertised by any to price second changes to the more sophisticated the caller and price feeled in the cost of the caller and price feeled in the cost of the caller and price feeled in the cost of the caller and price feeled in the cost of the search and predictable beavily advertised brand in the prices he will have about the sale of wines in amost in the present time, wine always order: smoked sale in the present time, wine always order: smoked sale ward. But imaginative buy, in give sesserial.

Claret and vintage port to the excitable upon the claret. What were the caller and price the first the same and annead uncertainty and lack of confimore modestly priced. The second sand more people or dere the search as the university customers, the less the mediance almost exclusively red wines are supported taking a continuous time vintuage down? They wine same almost of the feet to the excitable upon a time vintuage down? The vintuage down? The vintuage wines. It is huge in the position of the customers and and annead uncertainty and lack of confimore modestly priced. The second shapes to the list; the conclusions of the customers and the prices with the wine of the owner, and the price wines are second charages to understant to the price of the feet that is a second the price of the feet that the second that the price will be added the consumers of claret.

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creasing cost of food. It is strained to order wine by only the most naive who feeling it is part of the equate the cost of a meal in a restaurant, with all its overheads, with that of one prepared at home and enjoy it if it is carefully enjoy it in it is en

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and effort are expended in and enjoyment can depend wines on your list at the most restaurants on the wine so much of the attraction right prices is only half the appositeness to the food and its individual character. You not have a professional some will find, too, less half bot are the crû classe drinkers melier, it is not difficult for wine of unspecified origin. Should bear this burden. Wine, however, will not experienced waiters to massemble a list of undiscipling the most naive who feeling it is part of the sheaper of the absence of the wines just because they are Forming the tip of the and the finer and richer constant world demand for terest), the market for vin-

Jerez combines sense with sensibility

hundreds of thousands of butts of aging wine, is a place which has tradificulty managed to combined sense with sensibility.

Sherry growers are still looking ahead. Senor Antonio ahead antonio ahead. Senor antonio ahead antonio antoni saw the economic squeeze not afford, in these times of economic upheaval, simply the same laying plans to counter it. The Sherry Council, with its headquarters in the Plans are under way now

WILI SCRSIDILLY

The producers of what is undoubtedly the world's lerez, sherry sales to The most historic wine, sterry, have reacted vigorously to the challenge posed by rising costs and the international business slump.

It is not surprising that they have. The sherry district has been producing claim to the Phoenicians, surviving countless wars, revolutions and depressions long forgotten.

Jerez de la Frontera, an ancient city with a señorial style and an atmosphere performed by the aroma of hundreds of thousands of butts of aging wine, is a place which has tradi.

But, since it takes a new wrine a minimum of about to the takes of the world's to begin to be making wine commercials productive and since it takes several years to begin to be making wine commercials productive and since it takes several years to begin to be making wine commercials productive and since it takes a new your gaminum of about to be making wine commercials productive and since it takes a new your gaminum of about to begin to be productive and since it takes several years to begin to be making wine commercials productive and since it takes a new your gams to begin to be making wine commercials productive and since it takes a new your years to begin to be making wine commercials takes several years more of less profitable—if more attention to their brandies.

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Council, sherry growers and ple in the sherry business exporters apparently foreare convinced that they can saw the economic squeeze

depending on the weather, ing a familiar figure in without increasing the Britain because of his asso-acreage under cultivation ciation with a particular But, since it takes a new brand of wine. Thus, too, vine a minimum of about has Orson Welles taken to

International newcomers to the table for connoisseur and all tastes

Gutturnio, a newcomer to Incisa estate in the Tuscan medium-dry character and with its headquarters in the Plans are under way now marble-halled Wine Palace to dedicate the 1975 Fiesta mer, a cheerful companion prise. Made only from suitable both as an aperiuf on the broad flowery de la Vendimia to the state to chase away winter's woes, Cabernet Sauvignon grapes or party drink at a cost of Avenida de Alvaro Domecq of Florida, merca of American and reasonably priced at according to French 90p.

marble-halled Wine Palace on the broad flowery de la Vendimia to the state Avenida de Alvaro Domecq of Florida, mecca of American the northern edge of the care with the state of the care wine flowers in the infert few granted by President Antonio Barbadillo, who is Britain has been honoured also the Chief of the proving last the best customer; and the States was also the England of the States was also the England of the States was also the England of the States was also the part to warch over the pear and huge population is really in Jerez Nérès —Sherry.

It also helps to promise the way to wards potentially profitable in one piece.

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country of wine drinkers—not yet anyway. True, developments, the decision of a committee meeting in creased steadily for more than 10 years, but they ayear ago to recommend that Japan be the honoured that Japan be the honoured 1973 of only 50,012 hectory of the 1974 Sherry litres, or about one-four-country of the 1974 Sherry litres, or about one-four-country of the 1974 Sherry litres, or about one-four-dimit, under the direction of the unflappable Newlord Senior Alberto Duran, per decision of the unflappable Senior Alberto Duran, per decision of the instead of the fiest, at is any manent commissioner general of the fiests, is any would seem to be a logical potter of the decision of the selection of the instance of the country of the last as all the clear of the country of the long run it has the slack will be taken in the long run it has the slack will be tak

Another reason for the vention, there is no doubt that in the long run it has in the long run it has the slack will be taken in the lovely gardens of the Jerez gardens of the Jerez bodegas, with sit-down dinners served to as many as 1,000 guests in evening tlothes gathered around ponds adorned by swans, the commercial aspect is subdued; but wine is the commercial aspect is subdued; but wine is the theme.

Another reason for the mew markets of new markets of new markets of these lovingly made, pardected fitalian reds and the unusual ashy taste reflecting the volcanic soil of these lovingly made, pardect of the lovely mattered Italian reds anight merit the description. Barolo, Barbera's majestic "big brother", certainly sainsbury's supermarket, and qualifies but what a pity it is nearly always shipped and sherry is no exception. The increases reflected rishard doubled over the have about doubled over the have about doubled over the past five years in the sherry district. If it is any comfort of prominent lapanese of the lore of new market is bottainable today, but some decent, reasonably cheap, and the unusual ashy taste of these lovingly made, pardecent, reasonably cheap, and the unusual ashy taste fiently mattered Italian reds anight merit the description. Barolo, Barbera's majes tic "big brother", certainly sainsbury's supermarket, and qualifies but what a pity it is nearly always shipped and Perlé, which costs 72p. This is nearly always shipped and provided part of their Gaillac is nearly always shipped and provided part of their Gaillac is nearly always shipped and provided part of their Gaillac is nearly always shipped and provided part of their Gaillac is nearly always shipped and provided part of their Gaillac is nearly always shipped and provided part of their Gaillac is nearly always shipped and provided part of their Gaillac is nearly always shipped and provided part of the today, but some of the May white wire", a friend an of the unusual ashy taste reflecting the volcances of the University of the to

Last September hundreds of prominent lapanese opinion leaders, officials and top businessmen were district. If it is any comfort to the indigent wine fancier, to the indigent wine fancier, there is every indication there is every indication and sucretain fairly stable for a remain fairly stable for a sherry in 1973; with a proper follow-up of the fiesta de that that figure will jump up in 1975.

Efforts to get the Japanese to switch from sake to switch from sake to switch from sake to sherry came none too soon. While the arrangements is the need to estimate of the remainscent of well-polished and subject to the indigent wine fancier, and the region which leads to be as famous as Bordeaux in the eminiscent of well-polished about the wine, always and costs about funding and cos









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More devilry than lignity as port is born

Were there shapely maid-fours. The amateurs, well ered in fine sunny weather. It has all the indications of reading the wine?" asked a generous libations of sherry, mantically-minded Cana are generally more enthuising a good wine—but it is far too early to make one from a visit to lerez areat fun to watch.

much under £4 a bottle, but

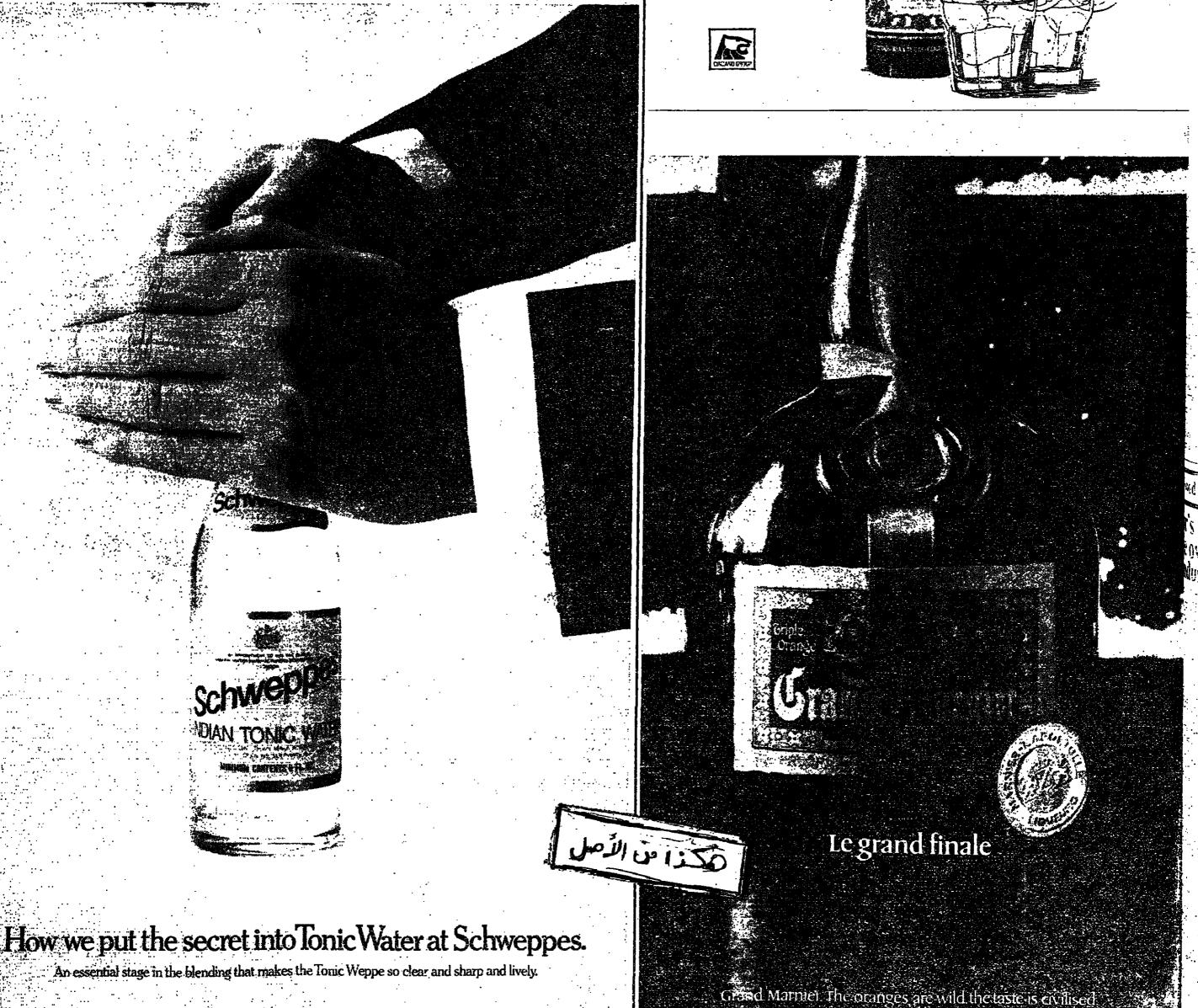
Mr Wyndham Fletcher, of

Cockburn's, says this year's vintage on the Douro was "a large healthy crop, gathered in fine sunny weather.

it is worth around".







The City is approaching Mer-cantile Credit's final results this week with some trepidation and not a little uncertainty. At the interim stage profits were virtually halved to £1.47m and although, in some respects, the second half should have seen an improvement, there remain a number of imponderables. The outcome will be an important indicator for the finance houses

as a whole.
The fundamental trading climate is unquestionably better now than it was during the first part of the year. Following the December restrictions, hire purchase business fell away sharply coincidentally with the three-day week. But since then there has been some recovery and third quarter statistics on new credit extended indicated a stabilization in monetary terms at around the levels seen in the same quarter last year.

More importantly, perhaps, the passing of time has brought a progressive run-off in the business contracted during the great lending days of 1972/73 when the finance houses were freely, making three-year consumer loans at rates which left tine profits after they had been refinanced at the much higher levels seen in the second half of last year and the first half

The easing of short-term interest rates since mid-summer has meant that the houses are now picking up the benefit of the reverse swing of the pen-dulum. Since a rising propor-tion of their business is, in any case, linked to the Finance Houses Association base rateoutside estimates suggest it could be as high as 40 per cent of total business for Mercantile and possibly rather more for UDT—margins should be re-covering well this half and profits therefore ought to be higher than the two previous

That, at least, is the theory. What is less certain is how far the cost of money to the finance houses has risen above money markets rates. The finance houses have not remained immune to the general ecycling process associated with the drawn heavily on the support of their clearing banks. What price has been exacted for this sup-port is far from clear, but one obvious possibility is that the houses are having to pay a higher margin over interbank rates to generate funds.

If so, the swing of the interest rate cycle into their favour can expected to have a less significant impact on profits than has formerly been the case.

As far as this year's results are concerned, however, the crucial area of uncertainty is over what provisions are likely to be necessary against loans to property. Last year UDT allo-cated provisions of £6m against £159m of loans secured against property, and unless its lending policies in 1972 and 1973 were good deal more conservative than analysts suspect further substantial provisions may be unavoidable this year.

viercantile's c ot loans committed against property is much smaller 1 though as a percentag of the tota! portfolio it may not be very different. So the same principle applies and hefty provisions seem inevitable. All told, there would be little surprise in the stock market if profits work out at only around a third of last Private companies

If all goes well, the current vear could see the houses establishing firm, even though depressed bases from which to embark upon a period of renewed growth, but as long as property development remains merchant banker's office reunder a cloud, with all the potential for causing further substantial losses, the ratings of the houses are bound to suffer. the houses are bound to suffer.
Unsurprisingly in such prickly circumstances stock market assessment is concentrating on the degree of exposure should the worst occur. The yields of the three majors—Lloyds & in particular feel they have

Plans by Estel, the third largest

ing the employees

Scottish at 16.5 per cent, Mer- been betrayed by the stock marcantile at 25.1 per cent and UDT at 30.1 per cent-are a direct reflection of their relative

Such lowly ratings have inevitably led to questions about whether the three independents will be likely to follow the example of Forward Trust and Hodge Group and throw in their lot with their dominant share-

Samuel Osborn

The Jessel connexion

The City fears a downturn next year, and steel is a classic cyclical industry, but Sheffield special steelmaker Samuel Osborn is still confident. Order books remain good, although there are some signs of confi-dence weakening among customers, and the group tends to suffer later than others from recession as a capital goods supplier to the engineering construction, chemical and

other industries. Osborn can also point our that the new Ecclesfield steelworks is still not quite up to optimu operating levels, that under EEC rules it can raise prices over 85 per cent of output as it likes, and that domestic earnings will stay tax-free for some years thanks to past losses.

Even so, the year to September 27 was exceptional. It was the year when for once Osborn had everything going for it. Demand both in Britain and South Africa was running at high levels and export prices were good. Profits, moreover, had started the year at low levels. Some steel prices rose by up to half. Ecclesfield got into its stride after years of dislocation, streamlining and re-equipment and there were stock windfalls too.

The new profits peak finds the

shares after a 5p rise on the figures at their par value, selling at 1.4 times earnings, and yielding 14.8 per cent. A crucial factor, though, is that in the background stands Jessel Securities' associate. Johnson & Firth

Johnson talked about cooperating more closely with Osborn last year, and the two companies are friendly even though there is no boardroom link. Osborn would not be averse to an industry restructuring to judge by the remarks of the chairman, Mr Bernard Cotton, in the last accounts when he complained about the long-term problem of oversupply and in-dustry fragmentation. He added that the group had talked with other steel companies about

merging production units.
What happens to the Jessel stake in Johnson remains to be seen, however. Apparently three groups including British Steel Corporation are interested in it, but the EEC authorities will have the final say. Osborn itself has further dividend leeway under the Treasury's recovery rules; and its big investment programme is over. The shares are interesting.

Final: 1974 (1973) Capitalization £2.3m Sales £25.89m (£19.69m)

Pre-tax profits £2.88m (£671,000) Earnings per share 18.4p (nil) Dividend gross 3.7p (1.3p)

merchant banker's office recently to inquire about going "unpublic", may sound like a bad bear-market joke, but apparently a number of com-

ket. The equity expansion capi tal they came to market for is virtually unavailable at present, and some seem to fancy their chances more with a strong in stitutional partner like a de

velopment bank.
For such banks—say the de velopment capital arm of a merchant bank—there are attrac-tions in buying publicly quoted equity stakes, not least because market capitalizations are historically low. A bank may typically be financially struc-tured to take a five to sevenyear view. The attractions of buying undervalued assets with a view to taking dividends initi-ally and ultimately disposing of

the company through a reflota-tion makes sense on this basis. What prompts these observa-tions is the publication by Graham, Trotman, Dudley Pub-lishers, of Britain's Top 1000 Private Companies, as re-searched and compiled by Financial Analysis Group. It reminds us that there are still very many large unquoted groups, technically quite big enough to go public if they wished

Just to give a few examples: George Weston Holdings, big-gest of the unquoted companies, had a 1973 turnover of £733m and pre-interest profits of over and pre-interest profits of over £4m while Western United Investment Company (main vehicle of the Vestey family interests) comes second in the Top 1,000 with 1970 sales of £33m and profits of £181,000. Thomas Borthwick & Sons (meat importers) had 1973 sales of £324m and profits of £11.7m, while well-known names like the Wellcome Foundation. Little-Wellcome Foundation, Little-woods Mail Order, C & J Clark (shoes), Ferranti, the David Brown Corporation and Rubery Owen Holdings all have sales well over £50m a year and pre-interest profits between £1m and £22m, though the reporting dates are not always compas

The Stock Exchange's usual expectation of profits around the fim mark on listing (though the only written requirement is that market capitalization should usually approach that market capitalization should usually approach 1550,000). However, far from these unquoted groups seeking listings, the trend would seem likely to be in the opposite direction, in the short-term at least. Isolated new issues like Henry Boot and George M. Callender last week do nothing to upset this assertion.

These and scores more meet

to upset this assertion.

Regular accountability to a wide group of shereholders can be an onerous obligation for many companies and, unless the quid pro quo is access to wider capital markets the game may seem hardly worth the candle. Even the 1 per cent premium which quoted groups used to get on a debenture coupon (over an unquoted group's issue) seems to have been eroded to virtually nothing.

Another factor, which certainly weighed heavily in the Pilkington Bros' decision to go public a few years ago, is securing a ready "out" for a large number of family shareholders, via a Stock Exchange quotation. Needless to say the way out is now blocked by lack way out is now blocked by lack of demand in the equity market, and the estate duty benefits of going public are often exaggerated by all but the merchant banks who know the

various options open.

The Financial Analysis group supports the theory that private companies are more efficient employers of capital. The ratio of profits to net assets in their sample group of 1,000 companies is 16.7 per cent compared with 14.4 per cent for quoted companies (this latter figure from official statistics). For the record, a (then) Department of Employment and Productivity survey in 1968 showed unquoted companies investing far more in fixed assets and paying out less in divi-dends than quoted companies. All this is interesting food for corporate thought (and possibly consolation) while the bear market lasts.

Hugh Stephenson

Lessons to be learnt on building a tunnel

Whatever the eventual outcome of the Channel Tunnel affair, the entire episode is a rich case history of how not to do these things in future.
As, inevitably, more industrial and
commercial activity, when it is on a
multi-million pound scale, will be conducted in the grey area between government and the private sector, it is mportant that the lessons should be

why, for a start, has all the serious public discussion about whether we need a tunnel (and, if so, what form it should take) only developed after the project was well into its initial stages? Now that there is a real possibility that the final British decision will be against the tunnel, this means that substantial direct and indirect compensation payments may have to be made to those who have invested

in the operation.

One main reason is that, because of the curious hybrid nature of the tunnel's financing arrangements, White-hall in general and the Treasury in particular never considered it necessary to look critically at the proposals. The tunnel, if built, will be financed almost entirely by money raised by the operatrespective guarantees of the British and French governments. The figuring has not therefore, been included in the totals of forecast public sector. spending and the Treasury has come-quently not shown its usual meticulous concern for the wellbeing of the public

In the two respects that matter, however, this method of financing has virtually identical consequences to those that would follow, if the project were being directly financed by Exchequer loans. First, the real resources that will be devoted to the be devoted to the construction of the tunnel are just as real end as extensive as if they were being bought by the Department of the Environment itself. The cost is now put at £1,500m (having started life at £846m). It is certain to go higher and the higher it goes the lower will be the fixed proportion (10 per cent of the original estimate cost that will be paid for by the private interests involved directly.

Secondly, so far as management of the Government's debt and borrowing requirement is required (with all the attendant implications for the control of the money supply) borrowing under

government guarantee by the tunnel operating companies is the same as borrowing on the same terms by local authorities, nationalized industries or the Government itself.

For, if the Government needs to borrow money on its account, the amount available will be less by what has gone into government guaranteed Channel Tunnel bonds. The loans themselves will become in effect an integral part of the pool of government guaranteed debt for which the managers of the public debt will have to care.

Lord Rothschild's think tank never

formally looked at the Channel Tunnel in-relation to Britain's transport needs, partly for this reason and partly because, as a matter of practical politics, it was judged that Mr Heath had such profound personal commitment to se project (it bad featured centrally in his private talks with President Pompidou) that it was not worth wasting valuable time trying to argue.

The result was that Mr Peyton, as

the minister responsible for transport, pushed the basic tunnel Bill through at such speed in the first half of 1973 that there was no extensive and informed discussion of the project as a

whole. For example, there was never any clear and coordinated picture presented of how the tunnel would fit. into the rest of the British transport

The two parts of the picture were further kept separate, because the private Channel Tunnel companies were only responsible for the hole itself. The figures they presented on their account

in no way included certain not insignificant items, such as the London rail link, without which, however, the entire project made little overall seuse. So the discussion about whether the tunnel project was viable financially ought also have asked much more clearly whether it was viable taking into account the other very large capital expenditures like the road link, which would have to be financed directly by government. If this had been properly taken into account in the total cost benefit analysis from the start, it must be doubted whether the project would have reached the stage where, last week, Mr Crosland was finally required to say that £373m (not allowing for several extra costs still to come) was too much for British Rail to spend.

Japanese case on car restrictions threat

Both publicly and in private the British Government is the British Government is being urged to follow Italy's lead and impose severe restrictions on Japanese car imports. The case for doing so would seem to be overwhelming. But

The growing protectionist lobby has yet to put any meat on the bones of their claim that the Japanese have effectively closed their home market to imported cars, and until they do it is impossible to examine the metits of their

The facts relating to the massive imbalance in Japan's favour are irrefutable. This year she will sell some 80,000 cars in Britain while we shall export at most 1,500. Last year on the basis of similar figures the balance of trade in cars in Japan's favour was £69m. But it is the reasons being advanced by British motor spokesmen for their failure to sell in Japan which need closer

Sir Raymond Brookes, president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, has attacked what he describes "the non tariff barriers usually to be found in small print". Others have talked of iidden obstacles. When asked for details they have referred vaguely to bureaucratic administration of homologation regulations (acceptance test for new cars). They claim that bureaucratic this can drag on for a year and by the time clearence is obtained new regulations make further modifications neces-

They make great play of the long delay between the an-nouncement of new regulations and the issue of English translations by the Japanese Motor Manufacturers Associ-

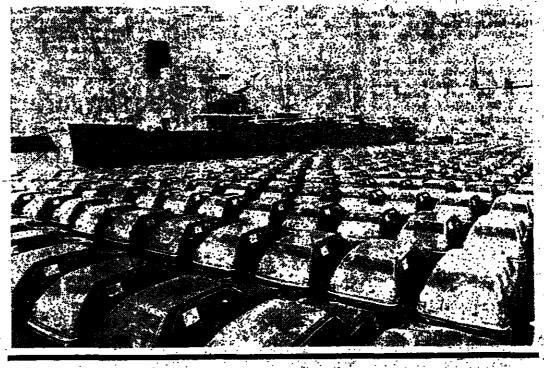
The most frequently heard complaint is the impostibility of obtaining adequate dealerships under the present mar-keting set-up. British sales executives returning from Japan insist that the two major Japanese manufacturers have effective control of all available dealerships in the 20 large cities which account for 80 per cent of all Japanese car sales. In many cases is amounts to full financial ownership.

Where Tapanese dealers are available they demand such huge profit margins that British cars sell at two and three times their United Kingdom retail price. Yet taken point by point there seem to be answers to all

these allegations which must be investigated before such a far reaching and potentially dangerous step as the erection of protectionist barriers is undertaken. For instance, can the import of Japanese cars be

Brussels and one in Britain
considered in isolation from
the remainder of the growing
trade between the two countries?

The paper work
covering these regulations
weighs 36ib.



Clifford Webb looks at the Japanese motor industry in the light of many voices urging severe restrictions of their car imports to this country. But as he points out the question needs closer examination...

£443m worth of goods of all kinds to Britain while the reverse traffic accounted for £249m, a balance in Japan's favour of £172m. But a parliamentary question earlier this year elicited that on invisible earnings Britain has an esti-mated balance in her favour of between £150m and £200m.

In addition a study of the average monthly value of British exports to Japan in the first nine months of 1974 show f5m a month compared with a year ago. (It would seem from this that British industry in general is making a belated but promising effort in the Japanese market which would be stated to be stated.) Japanese market which would be endangered by a trade war.)
On the question of homolog-ation and other problems with regulations, Japanese spokes-men insist that they have as many if not more difficulties to overcome when exporting to EEC countries including Reitsin.

EEC countries Britain. Nissan-Datsun for instance say that they had to wait 18 months to obtain approval to sell their 180 B estate in Germany. They maintain a full-time staff of five experts in

In the first nine months of To comply with European this year Japan exported regulations they have to repo-

sition side lamps, flashers, re- Japanese car manufacturers place steering wheels, modify ignition leads, after the size of number plate holders, strengthen the pillar for seat belt anchor-ages, vary the thickness of safety glass, reinforce floors, change side and rear lamps and use tyres of different construc-

The Japanese are particu-lacly critical of British com-plaints that regulations in in . "It is therefore clear that a Tokyo are not available in later, They point ouf that the SMMT does not offer any japanese translation at all whereas their own Manufacturers Association provides English versions. Also there is a six months to one year period of grace granted to importers before they are required to comply. There is no period of grace in Europe. later. They point out that the

There is now no restriction there is now no resultation preventing foreign firms in-vesting in or establishing a subsidiary company in Japan to handle the import of cars. But a little known lew prevents a wholly owned foreign firm a wholly owned foreign firm from owning retail outlets. There is, however, a loophole which in the present eager-to-please climate could be ex-ploited—the Japanese Govern-ment have authority to waive the regulation on individual applications.

In a recent statement Nissan commented on this: "Since the

foreign manufacturer can establish his own 100 per cent owned subsidiary in Japan for importing and wholesaling purposes without being subject to government intervention, government into approval or red tape."

The statement adds that such a company could appoint Japanese owned retailers without hindrance. This does not of course, answer the basic complaint that such dealers are not available because of the blanket coverage policy of Nissan and Tovota.

Nissan have repeated their offer to assist British Leyland to establish itself in Japan by making available space on its special car carrier ships returning from Europe and also to service BL cars through its Japanese retail network. BL have rejected this out of hand

because they say there are too many hidden strings.

Asked why British manufacturers do not sell more cars in Japan if, as they claim, the door is wide open, Japanese spokesmen say the answer is to be found in British board-rooms and not in Tokyo. The difficulty in trying to

sort out these complex counterclaims is that they ignore the present depressed state of world car markets. It may be that the Japanese are prepared to make a real effort to open their own market to foreign cars, but they do so from an established position of strength in Europe which is becoming politically unacceptable while thousands of German, French and Italian car workers are being thrown out of work and a similar spectre looms in Britain.

One suggestion now finding support is that a summit con-ference of Japanese and European car chiefs should be called as a matter of great urgency. In the past, under the threat of protectionist mea-sures, this has produced sures, this has produced results in the shape of voluntary quotas imposed by Japanese manufacturers of other

Announcement

themselves are well established

in the retail market in Japan

and thus in little danger from an outside 'invasion' it is felt

vessment authorities would dis-approve of any retailing appli-cation of this nature filed by a

foreign motor manufacturer— though no such application has

so far been made.

unlikely that the foreign

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Business Diary in Europe • 'East Indies deaf'

steel company outside the United States, to invest in South Africa has caused a storm of protest in The Netherlands. A storm which once again outside the paradox, one of many, of the co-existence of industry and Those who might think from afar that the Dutch necessarily feel affinity to their Afrikaens nephews are much mistaken. The majority of public and political the research of the property of of th rical opinion approves the re-lentless condemnation of apar-theid, and white domination in southern Africa, while a voiferous minority remains in favour of continued contact.

favour of continued contact.

But both politics and publi opinion are, as the Dutch say, "East Indies—deaf" to the fact that practically every one of the multinational firms for which the public must thank its present almost unequalled west European prosperity has a fully owned subsidiary and considerable investments in that part of the world. Gerhard Beil: pictured at the weekend after a bectic two-day visit to Britain.

He is on record as telling the board that he had no objection able investments in that part of the world.

Estel, Dutch dominated combination of the former Hoogovens and West German Hoesth, is now considering taking a 65 to 7 per cent share in the South African Saldania the South African Saldania the South African Saltania t

I wo-day trot

state secretary in the Foreign Trade Ministry of the German Democratic Republic, was in for a busy time during his two-day visit to Britain. And so it turned out to be.

Dr Beil was down to address the GDR section of the London Chamber of Commerce, and to call on ICI, GKN and BSC—all to be fitted in between meetings with Peter Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, Lord Beswick, Minister of State for Industry Minister of State for Industry, Eric Deakins, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Trade, and officials of the Bri-tish Overseas Trade Board. Certainly Dr Beil and Deakins arrived late for their weekend

arrived late for their weekend press conference, and there was

lower prices.

The crop in Jerez was about a fifth down on 1973, bringing it more or less within normal limits. But even if Jerez had been awash with grape juice, the bodega keepers would still be for from tears. We thought that Gerhard Beil, be far from tears.

Like Scotch or port, sherry has to age. Even a modest tipple spends about three years "grow-ing" in the dim bodegas and in being "educated" through bleuding with yet older wines. This year's grapes, for instance, are unlikely to be decanted from bottles here in Britain before 1977 or 1978.

Business Diary in Europe is reluctant to conclude a Christ-massy story on an unhappy note, so putting the best face possible on the preceding transaction, we're glad to pass on an assurance from Spain that— so far as sherrymakers are con-cerned—prices, high though they may be, should remain stable for "some time to come"

of, as the world council of rear's crop, nor any prospect of upon safe ground, for he was churches has demanded, selling up the State's shares and refusation to a fifth down on 1973, bringing market Denton Foundation. Market Denton Foundation.
But things got off to a bad
start with the chairman, fellow
socialist Lord Peddie, introducing George Thomson as
"George Brown" (although to
be fair, Lord George Brown is
also a pro-marketeer). man of many parts. He sits in Parliament for the Republi-

also a pro-marketeer).

Thomson then came mildly unstuck, as many politicians do, when he embarked on some Dunkirk imagery. Yorkshire has some active and as well as pro-marketeers in the business community. Thomson had begun to say that, apropos of EEC membership, Britain was better off in a big ship than going it aloue in a small boat.

This was too good a chance

This was too good a chance to let slip for the amis already present, one of whom heckled that it was small boats that had saved us from one European disaster—Dunkirk—while everybody knew what had happened to the Titanic.

overcome, few yet think that careers in both business and politics are compatible. Visentini, born 60 years ago at Treviso near Venice, is a

caus, the junior partners in Aldo Moro's Christian Democrat-dominated coalition, and is one of Italy's leading tax experts. In industry, he was for years deputy chairman of the vast public sector corporation Instituto per la Ricostruzione industriale (IRI), while latterly he has been chairman of Olivetti and vice-president of Confindustria, the private in-dustrialists confederation.

At the next board meeting Signor Visentini is expected to resign from the Olivetti chairmanship and hand over to the deputy chairman, Roberto Olivetti, grandson of the founder.

His departure from Confin-dustria, from which he has already resigned, may however

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 1: The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the Federation Equestre Internationale, left Gatwick Airport, London, this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to attend meetings of the Bureau of the Federation and the ordinary General Assembly in Brussels. Lord Rupert Nevill was in

A memorial service for Mr Dudley Delevingne will be held in the Grosvenor Chapel. South Audley Street. W1 on Wednesday, December 4, at 11.30 am.

Birthdays today

Mme Maria Callas, 51; Sir Raphael Cilento, 81; Sir Walter Edmenson, 82; Mr Ian Finlay, 68; Sir Paul Grey, 66; Sir Joseph Hallsworth, 90; Sir George Labonchere, 69; Major-General G. G. Rawson, 87.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Gloucester, as president of the National Association of Boys' Clubs, opens the Downside and Worth Boys' Club, SE,

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucesthe Author Dictoress of Glotices-ter attends reception to mark the Multiple Sclerosis Society's twenty-first anniversary. Chenil Galleries, SW7. British Library's Milton tenary exhibition. British Museum, 10-5.

Churchill Centenary Trust

All banks have agreed to receive donations to the Churchill Cen-tenary Trust across their counters, from the public as well as their own customers, until December 6. The trust is asking for £1m to complete two national memorials to Sir Winston Churchill—the Winston Churchill College, Cambridge.

Christening

The infant son of The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough was christened Edward Albert Charles, on Sunday, December 1, by the Rev J. E. James, assisted by Canon H. Firth, in the Chapel at Blenheim Palace. The godparents are The Earl of Derby (for whom Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill stood proxy), Lord Ashcombe, Mr Neil McConnell, the Princess of Bavaria (for whom Lady Rosemary Muir stood proxy), and the Hon Muir stood proxy), and the Hon Skelmersonic, Ann Lauy, Ot. Muir stood proxy), and the Hon borough, (duty paid, £39,762)

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Marriages

The marriage took place on Saturday at Kilterman Church, co Dublin. of the Hon Matthew Richard Arthur, younger son of Lord and Lady Glenarthur, of Stairaird, Mauchline, Ayrshire, and Miss Veronica Rosemary Hall, daughter of Captain and Mrs Michael Hall, of The Bridge, Kilternan, co Dublin. The Rev John Fisher of Fisher of

Fisher officiated.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Patrick Wilson, John de Robeck, Oliver Jones Davis, William Galbraith, Victoria McDermort, Caprilla Concella Control mott, Camilla Conolly-Carew, Fiona Galbraith and Gunilla de Robeck. Major the Hon Simon Arthur was best man. A reception was held at the Royal Dublin Society and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr J. R. Aykrovd and Mrs L. M. Phillips

The marriage took place quietly on November 29, 1974, between Mr Richard Aykroyd and Mrs Mr Richard As Lavinia Phillips.

Comte J. de Brye and Mrs E. Fane

The marriage took place in Lundon on Saturday between Comte Jacques de Brye, son of the Comte and Comtesse de Brye, of 37 Avenue Bugeaud, Paris 16e, and Mrs Barbara Fane, widow of Captain Edmund Fane, of Boyton Manor, Warminster, Wiltshire.

The marriage took place at St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, on Thursday, November 28, between Mr Michael Voggenaver and Miss Margaret Tweedie, Father Antony ffrench-Mulen officiated. The heide was attended by Toba The bride was attended by Toby Hudson, May and Amy Tennant, Harriet Constantine and Helea Peterson. Colonel Prince Lieven was best man. A reception was beld at Claridge's Hotel.

Latest wills

Purnell, Dorothy Gladys of Mid-somer Norton, Avon, left £19,952 net (no duty shown). She left £1,000 each to Paulton Central Methodist Church, and the Metho-dist Home Mission, £500 to The Cheshire Homes and after per-sonal bequests the residue equally between the China Inland Mission. between the China Inland Mission, the Bible Churchman's Mission and the Mildmay Mission to the Jews.
Other estates include (net, before duty paid; further duty may be

payable on some estates):
Abel Smith, Major Desmond, of
Great Missenden, company director, (duty paid, \$15,351) £135,087

Allfrey, Mrs Nina Darling, of Chacombe. Northamptonshire, (duty paid, £30.847). £101.637 Barker. Mr Frank Richard Peter, of Nawton, Yorkshire, (duty paid, £18,751). £198,998 £18,751) £198,998 Keys, Major Harry Wilson, of Sutton Coldfield, president of West Bromwich Albion football club, (duty paid, £4,533) Skelmersdale, Ann Lady, of Farn-becomes (duty paid, £30,763)

Ron M. R. Arthur and Miss V. R. Hall

By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Correspondent Negotiations between the Church of England and the Government of England and the Government about a new procedure for the appointment of bishops can be expected to start soon. The difficulties are formidable, and the church could well find the going party think pretty tough.

Although it was back in July that

the general synod made plain its desire for control over episcopal appointments, nothing much has bappened since. Officials of the general synod felt they had to wait until a new Archbishop of Canterbury was affectively in the saddle until these was a Consern. saddle, until there was a Government at Westminter with a reasonable prospect of some years of life ahead of it, and until tempers had. cooled a little inside the church

All three conditions now apply, and the informal contact on this question between church and state which has existed so far is likely to be made more formal.

No machinery of government exists to handle such matters, and it is an open question whether the Prime Minister and his advisers will want to establish some. In-deed, the Government's attitude is an unknown quantity; it is possible

and Miss P. P. Lawson Johnsto

The engagement is announced between Martin Arthur, second son of Mr and Mrs Philip Hudson, of Newbridge Mill, Sussex, and Primrose Pearl, eldest daughter of the Hon Hugh and Mrs Lawson Johnston, of Melchbourne Park, Bedfordsbire.

The engagement is aunounced

between Stephen, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. V. Beaty, of London, SE26, and Clare, daughter of the late Sir Alastair Young and the late Lady Young, of Rhu. Dunbartonshire.

and Miss C. A. Ferard

The engagement is announced between Ian Reddie McNeil, of The Harrow, North Street, Midhurst, son of the late Captain J. R. McNeil and Lady Rebbeck, of Stubb Hill House, Iping, Midhurst, and Caroline Anne Ferard, of 101 Ebury Street, London, SW1, daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs R. L. Ferard.

Mr S. P. Berry and Miss E. Wilmersdorfer

Dr S. McH. Brown

and Miss A. J. Way

and Miss E. Wilmersdorfer
The engagement is announced between Simon Philip, son of the late Mr J. G. Berry and Mrs Joan Berry, of Netherton, Huddersfield, Yorkshire, and Elisabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hans Wilmersdorfer, of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The engagement is aunounced between Stuart McHardy, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alan Brown, of Weydown Road. Haslemere, and Alison Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Way, of Rose Walk, Purley.

Mr D M. C. Chichester and Miss F. J. B. Allsopp
The engagement is announced between Dermot, son of the Hon Desmond and Mrs Chichester. of Essendon Close, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, and Frances, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Allsopp, of Little Coxwell Grove, Faringdon. Oxfordshire.

The engagement is announced between Simon Garth Davidson,

only daughter of Mr and Mrs Arturo Giovanni Costantino, of Maclean, Virginia, United States.

The engagement is annnounced between Richard Howard, younger son of Mr and Mrs Trevor Evans, of Aysgarth, Clayton Road, Mold, Clwyd, and Christine Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E. R. Morgan, of Bemfica, Usk Drive, Gilwern, Gwent.

The engagement is announced between Timothy Francis Robinson, of 35 Moray Place, Edinburgh, youngest son of the late Mr G. S. Robinson and Mrs A. J.

Brock, of Bratton Farm House

Mr R. H. Evans and Miss C. M. Morgan

Mr T. F. Robinson and Miss B. A. Beyan

Mr R. Shuttleworth and Miss C. Gatty Saunt

£50,000 winner

The weekly £50,000 Premium Savings Bond prize, announced on Saturday, was won by bond number 5 JT 959699. The winner lives in Hackney, London. The 25 £1,000

Mr S. G. Davidson and Miss M.-L. Costantino

Mr S. J. Beaty and Miss C. E. Young

Mr I. R. McNeil

rerard.

Forthcoming

marriages

Mr M. A. Hudson

Difficulties lurk in debate over bishops the church will get exactly what it wants "On the nod", but equally possible that it will have to run the gauntlet of a full royal commission.

have the right to nominate members of the House of Lords, for instance. If bishops were chosen by the church kept side to see the church kept to the churc

So far there are no indications that the Government will shift from the "benign neutrality" towards church affairs that it has shown on the issue of worship and doctrine. It will want to give the church what it is asking for, given that the general synod's mind has been so clearly should be the church what it is saying to the church when so clearly should be the church when should be the c been so clearly stated.

The synod voted by a substantial majority for a motion asking that the church should be given the "decisive voice" in the nomination of bishops, and that the process of selection should be handled by a small ecclesiastical committee consisting of local and national church representatives.

This looks decentively little to This looks deceptively little to

ask for, and if no wider issues were raised there seems to be no reason why the Government should not agree. But the relationship be-tween church and state is such a complicated tangle that discussion is almost bound to broaden into general constitutional matters.

It would be a new departure in the evolution of the British consti-tution for any person or body apart from the Prime Minister to

ROYAL NATY

CAPTAINS: W. J. Graham, Ark
Royal in command, March 2B, 75; R. A.
Stephens, Apollo in command and as
Capt F.C. Apollo in command and as
palmer, guican, April 4, 75; D. G.
Soulth, Vernou as engr offr and offr-incharge Portsmouth Craft Group, April
11, 75; K. P. I. Timmis, Conturion for
duty with Dir of Fleet Maintenance,
Bath, April 1, 75; M. J. G. Grace,
Blake, March 19, 75; N. G. BeitdBlake, March 19, 75; N. G. BeitdBlake, March 19, 75; N. G. BeitdBlake, Saccio R Admil D. A. Loran,
Flag Offr Maita, February 4, 76.

Women's Royal Naval Service

Supt S. V. A. McBride, Shaff of Cinchavhome, as Cond WRNS Offer, Feb J. 75: Chf. Offr K. C. Morsen, promoted to rank of Supt WRNS and appointed Daumiess in charge, Jan 31.

The Army
HONORARY CONSULTANTS: Dr
C. L. Somer apptd Hon Comanit physician to the Army, Oct 28. Mir D R.
Sweetman apptd Hon Consult in orthopsedic surgery to the Army, Oct 28.
BRIGADIERS: Brig A. Borthwick-Clarke apptd Ch Paymaster HQ UKLF.
Dec 2: Col 8. M. J. A. Dalton apptd
Brig Computer Systems Dev Wing HQ
Edge Computer Systems Dev Col P. J. Willett,
RAEC, apptd Con Army Educ Serv. 1
Div BAOR. Dec 9: Maj H. R. Williams,
R Signals, apptd CO 57 Sig Regt
(Volunteers) Dec 12: Maj T. D. Youis,
RETIREMENTS: Brig C. N. Barker,
Nov 29: Brig W E. Bruce-Junes, Nov
30: Brig G. R. Flood, Nov 26: Col
F. A. Gaumt, Nov 28.
Revel Air Force

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAINS: P. D. G. Clark
to MOD (Central Staffs). Dec 6: E. P.
Beanett as Cdr. Sultan of Oman's Air
Force, Dec 6: P. S. Collins as OC
RAF Guttersloht, Dec 6.
WING COMMANDERS (with actg
rank of Gp Capt). A. G. L. Hutchison
as Sin-Cdr and Commid OCTU. RAF
Henlow. D. C. 6: A. G. Skingsley to
RAF Laarbruch. Dec 6.
WING COMMANDERS: G. S. Bowden
to RAF Locking as OC Basic Studies
Fit. Dec 2: K. G. Baynes to 48 Syn as
OG. Dec 2: C. H. Bidle to RAF Turnhouse as Dep Dir (RAF). Dec 2: D. H.
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HOD. Dec 2: C. H. Bidle to RAF Turnhouse as Dep Dir (RAF). Dec 2: D. H.
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Hammond 10 REU Henlow as OC Eng
Wq. Dec 2: J. Hammond 10 REU Henlow as OC
RAF Germany as Mech Eng 2. Dec 2:
F. A. Soencer to Exchange Appt to
RAAF Australia, Dec 6.
SQUADRON LEADER (with actg rank
of Wg Cdr): J. Ward to HQ Strike
Command as Mech Eng (Trans). Dec 2

Cambridge
Christ's College: J. E. Meade, CB,
MA, fellow of the college and
emeritus professor of political
economy, has been elected into
an honorary fellowship.

1975.
Research fellows: Agricultural economics, G. van Dijk, Wageningen University, The Netherlands, from January 15, 1975; Blochernistry, Mrs M. A. L. Melvin, BSc. PhD, from November 11; Medical physics, N. A. A. Atari, BSc. VSc. PhD, from October 1; Religious studies, Wrs J. Murray, BA, MA, PhD, from December 1.

Shirling
Professor R. P. Bell. FRS, has been
elected to the rouncil of the Royal
Society of Edinburgh.
The Royal Commission for the
Exhibition of 1851 have awarded Dr
Michael Moir a sentor research fellowship to work on alkaloid synthesis in
the department of chemistry.

University news

Aberdeen

Stirling

between Simon Garth Davidson, son of Mr A. G. Davidson, of Hyde Park Square, London, and of Mrs A. Y. Crowther and stepson of the late Dr Harold Crowther, of Blewburton Conrt, Aston Upthorpe, and Miss Marie-Louise Costantino, only daughter of Mr and Mrs

Appointments in

the Forces

Royal Navy

The Army

Royal Air Force

their automatic right to sit in the Lords, this would become the posi-

tion.
It would also be a new departure for any person or body apart from the Prime Miniter to have the right to make recommendations direct to the Crown. The process envisaged by the general synod would give the church this right, for the link with the Crown is one part of the constitutional tangle called estab-lishment that the church is not

lishment that the church is not willing to forgo.

Those difficulties would fall away if the church was willing to settle for a compromise, for instance one in which the Prime Minister agreed always to recommend to the Crown what the church wanted him to recommend. That is slightly less than the general syroid anneared to be acting ral synod appeared to be asking for, and it is possible that the Prime Minister would be unwilling to see the ecclesiastical responsi-bilities of his office transformed

into a rubber stamp.

So the position is likely to be that the Government would be willing to give the church what it wanted, provided there were no

House of Lords
Toesday, November 26: Debate on the
economic situation. House adjourned

Parliamentary diary

significant implications for the British constitution. The Church of England starts these negotiations from the position that constitutional problems are not its proper concern but are for the Govern-ment to raise if it wishes. The fear within the church is that a royal commission on the appointment of bishops would become a general review of the establishment.

Apart from the sheer vasuess of the topic, which would put back any resolution of the question of bishops for some years, there is a widely held conviction that the church would come off worse from such a review. There are many within the church who dislike all the privileges that go with the establishment, and a secular commission would probably dislike

them even more.

If major constitutional matters are deemed to be at stake in these church-state negotiations, it may the telt that private talks between church leaders and one or two government ministers are an inadequate forum for ventilating them. However the negotiations are conducted, some way will obviously have to be found of letting church and state know what their representatives are talking about, what compromises are being made, and why.

about Lancashire textile industry. House adjourned 10.27 pm.
Thursday. November 28 Prevention of Terrorism Temporary Passed termining stages. Motions on EEC documents on carriage of goods and prepacked products. Adjournment debate about Civil Service pensions. House adjourned 10.47 am (Friday). Private member's motion on planning inquiries held in secret: question undecided, 25 votes for, nitl against. Motion on one parent smilles: apreed to. Motion on civil liberites: apreed to. Motion on civil iberites: withdrawn. Adjournment debate about problems of motorisks in rural areas. House adjourned 4.21 pm.

sconomic situation. House adjourned 10.21 pm.
Wednesday, November 27: District Couris (Scotland: Bill read second time. Motions on Sheriffdoms Reorganisation, Jurios (Northern Treland), Pensions (Scotland: Bill read second time. Motions on Sheriffdoms Reorganisation, Jurios (Northern Treland: Pensions (Scotland: Northern Ireland: Orders agreed to. House adjourned 6.38 pm. Thursday, November 29: National Theatre Bill read third lime and received Rosal Assent. Statue Law (Rogaets: Bill read third time. British adjourned 7.21 pm. Professon House adjourned 7.21 pm. Pricesson (Temporary Provisions) Bill passed all stages and received Rosal Assent. House adjourned 9.36 am. Parliamentary notices House of Lords House of Lords
Today at 2.50: Social Security Amendment Bill. Second realing. Motions on Social Security (Senerit) (Married Women and Widows Special Provisions. Social Security (Contributions, Security (Contributions). Social Security (Contributions). Married Women and United States (Contributions). Married Women and United Special Provisions: Amendment Regulations. (Married Women and United Provisions). Amendment Regulations. Tomorrow at 2.30: Arbitration Bill. Tomorrow at 2.30: Arbitration Bill. Second reading. Safety of Sports Grounds Bill and Reservoirs Bill. Committee Stage. Jotions on Milk (Extension of Period of Control of Viaximum Prices) Order and Agriculture (Tractor Cabs) Regulations. Wednesday at 2.50: Debate on urbanushing of Control of letterisms and services and received Royal Assent. House of Commons
Monday, November 25: Statements on murders in Northern Ireland, measures to combat terrorism, and British Alrways VCIo Hilacking. Local Government Seculated Bills and British Alrways VCIO Hilacking. Local Government Seculated Bills and British Alrways VCIO Hilacking. Local Government Seculated Bills and Incention and British Alrways VCIO Hilacking. Local Government Seculated Bills and Incention and Incention and Incention and Incention and Incention adjourned 12-15 am (Tuesday). Thousday, November 25: River Wear Barrage Bill read socond time. Scalarment on Channel Thanel. Social Security Amendment Bill read three Modern and Channel Thanel. Social Security Addiournment debate the Modern Addiournment debate the Modern Addiournment debate that the Modern Addiournment Bill. Littsants in Person (Temporary Provisions) Bill read first time. Wild creatures and Wild Plants Bill. Local Lotteries Bill. Abortion (Amendment: Bill. Littsants in Person (Costs) Bill. Television Licensing (Edderly and Disabled People) Bill. Mobile Homes Bill. Littsants in Derson (Parents Charter: Bill. Farriers Registration Bill. Representation of the People Bill. Cancer Screening (Edderlor Small Businesses) Bill. Farriers Registration Bill. Representation Bill. Bell and Hermiton Bill. Bell and Hermiton Bill. Bell and Corrison Costs and Corrison Bill. Town and County Planting (Amendment: Bill. and Hermitons Bill. Bell and Corrison Costs agreed to Adournment debate Order agreed to Adournment debate

House of Commons

House of Commons

Today at 2.50: Debate on an Opposition motion on Price Code review. Debate on the NHS. Motions on Post Office of the NHS. Motions on Post Office (Compensation for Limitation of Prices) and Post Office (Barrowing Powers) Orders. Tomorrow at 2.50: Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, second reading. Motion on EEC documents on energy policy. Wednesday at 2.50: Motion on Church of England Owership and Documel Necture 1981. Thursday at 2.50: Debate on an Opposition motion of Northern Ireland. Consolidated Fund Bill, remaining stages. Motion on Northern Ireland. Consolidated Fund Bill, remaining stages. Motion on Northern Ireland. Emirgency Profisions of Conder, or Allon: Private members' friday at 11.00: Private members' friday on rating system on small businesses and North Sea off.

political animosities aside to join in a cordial tribute to this great

Englishman.
Mr Churchill—who is again in

25 years ago From The Times of Thursday, December 1, 1949

Churchill birthday From Our Parliamentary

Mr Churchill was 75 yesterday, and he received messages of greeting on his birthday from all parts of the world. In the House of

or the world. In the house or Commons he was congratulated in felicitous terms by the Prime Minister, and for a couple of minutes members of all parties laid

Dinners

HM Government Mr William Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland, and Mrs Ross were hosts on Friday night at a dinner at Edinburgh Castle on the occasion of the visit to Scotland of an Inter-Parliamemary Union delegation from Czechoslovakia.

Anglo-Indonesian Society The annual dinner of the Anglo-Indonesian Society was held at the Royal Overseas League on Friday. The guest of bonour was Sir John Llewellyn. Others present in-

cluded :

St Edward's School Society St Edward's School Society was held on Saturday at the Randolph Hotel. Mr E. A. G. Evans, was

over, the Prime Minister-who was

rose to offer formal congratula-

there specially for the occasion-

Strafford Club The Strafford Club met for dinner on Saturday at Peterhouse, Cambridge. The president, Lord William Taylour, was in the chair and the guest of honour was Mr Desmond Fennell, QC.

The annual dinner of the British section of the Zuoz College Old Boys' Association was held on Saturday at Brown's Hotel. Mr Sadru Tullar was in the chair.

Science Report

Atmosphere: Laser wind studies

Winchester, Somerset, and Bea-trice Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. E. Bevan, of The Croft, Thornton Hough, Wirral. A new method of measuring wind speeds in the upper atmosphere at night is based on the use of laser beams bounced off man-made reflecting clouds moving with the air. The laser device, which can be used to follow the behaviour of winds several hundred kilometres up in the atmosphere, was developed at the Appieton Laboratory, in Slough, by Dr D. Rees (who is affiliated to University College London) and Dr M. L. W. Sandford. It is mounted on a trailer and has been used to track sodium cloud bounces off the same concave mirror. It is then detected by a photomultiplier rube (a detector of very low intensities of light). When the scanning mirror is pointing the laser beam at a driven by air movements over Nor-The engagement is announced between Roy, son of Mr and Mrs A. R. Shuttleworth, of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, and Claire, daughter of Mrs R. Fitzwalter Read and stepdaughter of Mr R. Fitzwalter Read, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire. driven by air movements over Nor-

In the daytime, winds in those parts of the atmosphere can be adequately tracked by looking at sunlight re-emitted from artificial clouds of, for example, barium or aluminium oxide. At night, however, luminous clouds of chemicals like trimethyl aluminium have to be used, and the method works only up to about 150km. Laser 1.15 (49)77 9 TN 8833/2 2.MN 600032 10 V8 2346 6 2.PN 642950 1 WW 031145 2.PN 642950 1 WW 031145 2.PN 642950 2 V8 261136 6.51 844400 87 241708 6.51 844400 87 11 2N 513984 13 46134 9.TL 023569 only up to about 150km. Laser tracking then comes into its own.

piane mirror and is collected by a concave mirror. It is then detected by a photomultiplier rube (a detector of very low intensities of light). When the scanning mirror is pointing the laser beam at a cloud, the signal from the photomultiplier rises by a factor of ten or so, making it easy to find the source.

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Dr Rees and Dr Sandford report some of the results they obtained during flights of four Petral rockets and one Skylark from the rocket range at Andenes, Norway, in October and November last year. One flight took place during a storm in the upper atmosphere associated with auroral effects, and

the rocker started to release sodium at an altitude of 130km. It continued to do so up to its max-imum height of 175km and to some imin neight of 175km and to some extent down to the 160km level.

The Appleton Laboratory equipment was about 170km away from the rocket range, at Skiboth, and Dr Rees and Dr Sandford were able to build up an accurate profile of wind speeds between altitudes of

to build up an accurate profile of wind speeds between aiditudes of about 130 and 175km.

They found the winds to be chiefly between east and south and gusting up to about 500km, which they say is probably consistent with theoretical pictures of what goes on during auroral storms at those aktitudes. They say that there is no reason why the measurements should not be extended to altitudes should not be extended to altitudes of 300km and more. By Nature-Times News Service.

Source: 1 (252, 291).

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Grocers echo the views of militant farmers cattle reached Britain from the

ake over where militant farmers have temporarily left off. The National Food & Drink Federation, which represents 10,000 indepen-dent retail food traders, adopted a suggestion last week to hold a "drive-in" at Whitehall early next year to underline the displeasure of its members at the Government's intention to increase national insurance contributions of the self-employed.

The suggestion came from Mr Leonard Reeves-Smith, directorconeral of the federation, who said: "The farmers have shown the way. Our object will be to cause as much congestion as we can in Whitehall. We regret the inconvenience this will cause the public, but this seems to be the only type of argument the Govern-ment understands."

He added, echoing the riews expressed by some members of the Farmers' Union of Wales at their last council meeting: "We have decided that we must act more like a trade bulon." Mr H. G. Corke, of Pembroke, said at the meeting that the best way for working farmers to win the support of other working people would be through affiliation to the Trades Union Congress.

The council also decided to the for council also decided to the cou

Agriculture

Hugh Clayton

stock farmers who were forced to sell at a loss before Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, secured his variable premium from Brussels and adopted intervention

Brussels and adopted intervention for the winter.

Mr T. Myrrdin Evans, president, said the Brussels beef agreement was like "sending out the lifeboat after most of the wrecked ship's crew have drowned. It is no consolation for those producers who have sold far cattle for half their worth".

The publicity machine of the National Farmers' Union processed a final message before going into purdah during preliminary talks about the price review. It said that about the price review. It said that
the union had formally abandoned
its pre-Brussels claim for immediate compensation for livestock
producers but would press for an
increase in agricultural returns
next year that "would take full
account of those losses". Although the docks at which

cattle reached Britain from the Irish Republic were no longer picketed, the militants were still snapping at the NFU's heels. Mr Albany Snape, of Farmers' Action 74, said that the organization held a meeting at Stoneleigh, at which the possibility of "a stoppage of food" was considered if the United Kingdom did not cut through EEC transitional arrangements for agricultural producers ments for agricultural producers

"Political thinking now is that the small farmer must go and give way to the big outfit", Mr Snape said. "The small family farmer is the finest insurance this country could have for the continuity of food production." Farmers' Action wanted low interest. Action wanted low interest rates

at the review early next year.

Existing high rates were used as an excuse by industries, including those who supplied agricultural equipment for raising prices. Yet farmers who faced the successful outcome of applications by manufacturing industry to the Price Commission had no recourse themselves to the allowable to the allowable.

selves to the allowable costs regime of the Price Code.

Mr Suspe did not point our that farmers' returns were increased, however inadequately, through subsidies and reviews. Nor did he mention that manufacturing did he mention that manufacturing industry has suffered a severe constraint on recovery of costs through the productivity deduction whereby a proportion of wage increases has

The Irish cattle issue is not quite dead. The claim by the Farmers' Union of Wales that export statistics from the Irish Livestock and Meat Board were "selective, if not misleading", received a tart reply from the board which accused it of issuing received a tart reply from the board, which accused it of issuing "misleading statements". The union accused the board of ignoring exports from the Republic of Ireland to Northern Ireland, many of which were passed on to be item. The heard realing that

meny of which were passed on to Britain. The board replied that exports to Britain were at only half of the 1971 level while those to Northern Ireland showed an ever-declining gap between exports and imports. The board predicted a Northern Ireland import total of 20,000 head above exports this year, the same gap as last year but far smaller than in 1971 and 1972.

1972.
Farming award: The Duke of Northumberland has succeeded Dr G. D. H. Bell as holder of the Massey-Forguson award for proven practical and outstanding contributions to the advancement of agriculture. The clution lays most emphasis on his work as chairman of the inquiry on Front and Mouth Disease and as chairman of the Inquiry Foot and Mouth Disease 1968-69.

OBITUARY

MR PHILIP C. GARRATT Services to Canadian aviation

Canada.

Mr Philip Clarke Garratt, its Canadian operation, he ormer vice-president and man-managing his own cher former vice-president and man-aging director of de Havilland business. Aircraft of Canada, Ltd, died on opportunity to renew his love for flying and offerer services on a part-time bas November ?, aged 80. He retired in 1966 after nearly 30 years with the company but rede Havilland to test and : tained a seat on the board until 1971, when he severed his last official ties with the company. their aircraft. In 1936, F. won out and he ended his

During these years he guided de Havilland from a small air-craft assembly operation to an international leader in STOL (short takeoff and landing) aircraft design and production. He was awarded the McKee Trophy for meritorious service in the advancement of Canadian aviation in 1951 and the McCurdy Medal for his contribution to aviation in Canada in 1960, and was again awarded the McKee Trophy in 1965.

In 1971 he was awarded the Canada Medal. In April. 1974, by Order-in-Council, the federal Government presented him with a lifetime pilot licence and in July he was elected to the Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame.

Garratt began his flying career as a student pilot at Curtiss Aviation School, Toronto, in 1915. Like many enthusiastic young Canadians anxious to get into the air war over Europe, he had to learn to fly before he could join the allied forces. In 1916 he joined the Royal Flying Corps, served as a fighter pilot on the Western Front and was awarded the AFC. For the next 50 years he continued to fly.

In 1920 he flew as a pilot

with Bishop Barker Airplanes on "barnstorming" tours, and in 1921 served as an Air Force instructor at Camp Borden. By of the people who worked 1928, when de Havilland began him.

best known of all de Havi Canada aircraft, the D Beaver. The Beaver, desi for operation in the Can: North, was the first of a s of five successful STOL air which have earned for de I land a worldwide reputation manufacturers of STOL air Under Garratt's unique ership de Havilland Ca continued to grow and the

However, he quickly say

business to become mana director of de Havil

In 1946, after the peak duction years of the Sei World War, he initiated first "all Canadian" de the highly successful D

Chipmunk trainer. This wa

lowed by what is perhaps

team went on to design produce the DHC-3 Offer. DHC-4 Caribou, the T Beaver, the DHC-5 Buffalo the universally popular D
Twin Otter. The exper
gained from his family of s
sircraft led to the develop
of the Dash 7 Quiet STOL liner, de Havilland's latest

The growth and success thavilland Canada was foundly influenced by Gar. devotion to aviation, the sight and skill of this Canadian and the unique in which he attracted staunch loyalty and affe

canned chickens, asphalt

roses brought him in money. Unlike Carnegie, R.

feller, Ford and the rest, he

not spend his money on pt

thropy.

"I'm more interested in accumulation of properties in their liquidation and d bution," he once said. did he justify his duty to community? "By furnis gainful employment. I think is one of the most importance can do."

Hunt reckoned he could

made three or more time much if he had not devote

much of his time to poli education. His Lifeline Fo

ation sponsored a 15-minute programme over radio stations and brought

a newsletter reflecting

victories he was matched

first title defence fight in '

1937, was against the tale Joe Louis. Braddock gave

of the most courageous (

bitions ever seen by a he

weight champion. Louis down in the first

before he was himself known out in the eighth. The Cin ella Man, whose 12-year pre

sional career embraced 84 b

of which he lost 19, for only once more, a points vic

views of the extreme right:

things anyone can do."

MR HAROLDSON L. HUNT

thropy.

Mr Haroldson Lafayette dishwasher. Although he is Hunt, the oil magnate, who has his money in oil he cons died in Dallas, Texas, was one that his other enterprises, of the ten richest men in the cattle ranches to electro world. He was 85.

A virulent rightwinger, health food and yoga addict, his tastes were simple by the stand-ards of the typical tycoon, owning no private jet or yacht and carrying his lunch to work with him in a brown paper bag. After leaving school at the age of ten, Hunt built up a personal fortune estimated at about \$5,000m (about £2,200m).

making him perhaps one of the three richest men in the United States. He was one of the original Texas "wildcatters", or freelance oil prospectors in the oil boom days of the early part of this century, and later in tested widely. He shunned vested widely. He shunned publicity and liked to think of nimself as a man of the people.

Hunt started life as a farm boy in Illinois, and was success-ively a hobo, lumberjack and in American politics.

MR JAMES J. BRADDOCK

Mr Churchill—who is again in vigorous health—took his seat beside Mr Eden in the House of Commons when Dr Edith Summerskill was answering questions, and he was warmly cheered on his entry. Mr Driberg, who was on the point of asking a supplementary question, at once adapted it to introduce a congratulatory reference to Mr Churchill. When questions were over, the Prime Minister—who was Neil Allen, Our Boxing Corres-

James J. Braddock, the former world heavyweight boxing champion, who has died in North Bergen, New Jersey, was the hero of one of those race the hero of one of those rare Unluckily for Braddock, riches" stories which have always encouraged de-prived young men to make their

living in the ring. Braddock, who was born on December 6, 1905, won the world title by outpointing Max Baer in June, 1935. Yet, a year before, he was making such a failure of his career which included an unsuccessful chal-lenge in 1929 for Tommy Loughran's light-heavyweight title, that he was forced to apply for public relief as an unemployed

citizen. In June, 1934, Braddock was brought in as a late substitute against a rated opponent named Corn Griffin, and upset the with knockout. After two more

over Britain's Tommy Fart But the days of poverty happily over now for, by secret contract arranged before his only title defe Braddock and his manager, Gould, gained a sizable cur all Louis's purses for the a second-round

LORD MALISE GRAHAM

Brigadier Lord Douglas Malise Graham, CB, DSO, MC, who has died, aged 91, was the second son of the fifth Duke Montrose. He was educated at Cheltenbam and Woolwich, and was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1901. In 1914 he became ADC to Major-General Sir Charles Fergusson, commanding the 5th Division at The Curragh,

and was with him throughout the trying period of the "Curragh Incident", and "Curragh Incident", and during the Mons retreat and the Battle of Le Cateau. In 1916 he became brigade major; from 1934 to 1936 he was Comman-dant of the School of Artillery,

when he retired.

In 1940, as a fluent Fre speaker, he was made Milis Attached in Paris, and was des involved in the tragedy of French collapse. He reverted retired pay in 1945, settl first in Oxfordshire, then Lochnell in Argyll, and fim in Hampshire.

Lord Malise was endou with striking good looks and fine singing voice, and hat rare capacity for friendsh but he was primarily a dedica soldier, who was unfortun not to attain higher rank. married in 1918 Rach Holland, daughter of the seco Lord Knutsford, and is survioy her and two sons.



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Composite Bill on nationalization likely but NEB is Benn priority

Nationalization of the air-aft, shipbuilding, ship repairmarine engine induses is likely to be effected rely next year by means of a men be wants to run the NEB, ingle Bill rather than separate which is expected to be given seen as a means of limiting small staff.

Mr Anthony Wedgwood enn, Secretary of State for thustry, will, however, be conmarating his attention for the me being on publishing a w Industry Bill before the mmons recess for Christmas. will consolidate the exist-Industry Act, and contain uses for establishing the ational Enterprise Board and scouraging important compans to negotiate voluntary plan-ng agreements with their Whitehall depart-

Department of Inintentions spected to be outlined by Mr enn at Wednesdays' post-Bud-u meeting of the National nomic Development Coun-

The Prime Minister has cided not to act as chairman, originally expected, and this ill enable the Chancellor to ress that the proposals for mode into industry and other adget measures should not sropt the NEB's statutory exponsibilities. annelling more institutional

Both Mr Healey and Mr enn are apparently agreed, ter recent Cabinet discus-sis, that Labour's industrial can be made more ceptable to the business cominds through Finance For Inistry (at no cost to public spenditure) to companies, awing problems of promoting ructural reforms to the NEB. The pressure on industry to an planning agreements— der which private industry Il provide information about manpower and er policies in return for aranteed incentives or spefinancial assistance pected to come from their rk forces, rather than

Mr Benn will be at pains to ress that reserve powers, to mpel companies to negotiate nomic priorities.

agreement, are not going to used during the early life In the next few weeks, Mr Benn will be consulting Cabi-net colleagues on the kind of

liamentary opposition as They will have a statutory as achieving a certain objective of making a profit, sinistrative neatness. present state investments in a number of concerns such as International Computers and Kearney Trecker & Marwin. It is hoped to have the NEB established early in the new year, by which time the drafting of the second Bill for tak-

over various shipbuilding and aircraft companies will have started. The objective is publication of the enabling legislation by April. During the interim, the two industries will have new opportunities to make representations, but only over how nationalization is to be

Mr Bean's structural ideas for the new national shipbuilding and aircraft corporations— there could even be a single undertaking to simplify management and union representation—are expected to provide a model for reform of other

nationalized industries. He is already taking a deep look at the Post Office Corporation, whose new chairman has to be named before too

For its part, the CBI remains hostile to the Government's industrial policies. The Chancellor and Mr Benn can expect to face renewed criticisms at this week's Neddy

council meeting. Employers say the Budget measures and changes to the price code do not go far enough to help profitability and investment. In particular they want the Government and the trade unions to take a new look at the social contract to help employers in dealing with awkward wage demands.

Industrialists regard this as a vital next step in restoring their confidence. Indeed some of their objections to planning agreements and limited nationalization might be amended if, in the words of Mr Ralph Bateman, CBI presiress that reserve powers, to dent, there could be a more concained in the new Inequal base of power and stry Bill and which could responsibility in deciding eco-

Lack of liaison hinders US lecisions on energy policy

om Frank Vogl ashington, Nov 29

Presiden: Ford will not be ady to announce his long pected national energy proamme until mid-January at e earliest, according to senior ministration officials.

The serious delay is being ributed widely to the Presiat's preoccupation with other itters and to a high level ternal administration struggle er who should have respon-silty for the formulation of ergy policies.
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The recently announced ited States international ergy policy initiatives were parently worked out almost firely by the Department of the, sources said. Surprisingly, ither the Department of the reason or the Federal Fuergy easury or the Federal Energy iministration were consulted by before the announcement free hand to for these initiatives by Dr Henry energy policies.

Kissinger, the Secretary of State, on November 14. President Ford has established a National Energy Board, whose chairman is Mr Rogers Morton, the Secretary of the Interior. But this organization has been left out of most discussions on international policies by the

State Department.
The President said on October 8 that Mr Morton " will be overall boss of our national energy programme", but it would appear that the President neither discussed the international policies being worked out by Dr Kissinger with Mr Morton, nor did he consider it necessary to seek advice from him on who should replace Mr John Sawhill as head of the

Dr Kissinger appears to have emerged from the administra-tive struggles with virtually a free hand to formulate foreign

BSC fears intervention threat to 10-year plan

A major battle between the Government and the British Steel Corporation is looming over the state steel undertaking's scheduled plant closure programme and its desire to implement substantial price in-creases at the beginning of next year.

Both sides have been shadow boxing to a large extent over the closure review ordered early this year by Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry. But it is clear that the corporation's 10-year development plan is now development plan is now being seriously threatened, although Lord Beswick, Minis-ter of State for Industry, who is carrying out the closure review, has been at pains to assett otherwise assert otherwise.

The BSC has always maintained that closure of old and uneconomic units forms an integral part of its development strategy. This is geared to the production of steel from around half a dozen main centres and involves the shed-ding of about 40,000 workers.

Without the closures, the investment programme—now costed at more than £4.000m against the original £3,000m would not make sense, the BSC has argued.

Lord Beswick has been meticulous in his study of the individual plant closure cases, consulting extensively with local authorities and trade unions. Progress of the review was, however, disrupted for six weeks by the October General

Within Whitehall appears to be a feeling that it would be wise to produce an interim report covering the closures planned to take place in England and Wales, while the Scottish closures should be treated in a separate report. Such a plan is opposed by the BSC

But the Scottish redundancies are the most sensitive. Although the number expected is likely to be less than the 6,000 originally envisaged, any closures at all are being fiercely opposed by the Scottish

Last week the disquiet was expressed in a motion submit-ted in Parliament calling on Mr Benn to refuse the closure of Scottish plants until alternative employment is provided. This motion was subsequently amended by the Scottish Nationalist MPs, who do not accept the inevitability of the closures implicit in the motion.

Meanwhile the issue of prices has still to be resolved. BSC maintains that the higher charges are vital if the corporation is to succeed in meeting its targets for return on capital over the next few years, particularly in view of the huge increase in costs experienced since March last year.

20 companies in CBI study

By Our Industrial Editor About 20 companies have

agreed to provide detailed information and documentation for a Confederation of British Industry study of the develop-ment of corporate industrial corporate industrial relations.

One of the aims is to establish how present policies came about and the lessons learned. It is likely that a manual based on research results will even-tually be issued to industry at

large. Besides the specific help of the selected companies, many others will be asked to indicate their practice and views. ous commeanwhile, the CBI is constates.

factor in deciding the outcome of the struggle for Geo Kent.

tinuing to voice its strong Employment Protection Bill. A members' bulletin sent out yesterday objects to what is described as one-sided legisla-tion, unfairly biased in favour

trade unions. Despite the assertions of Ministers that there should be no legal restrictions on free collective bargaining, legal obligations are now to be imposed on employers in areas which have traditionally been subject to negotiation, or which would more appropriately be dealt with in codes of practice. Also many of the proposals have serious cost implications ", the CBI

ECGD premiums to be raised soon

the Export Credits Guarantee Department, which underwrites about 36 per cent of all British exports, is expected to be announced in the next few

In a separate move, the Government-run ECGD will seek powers from Parliament later this week to repay with the help of the Exchequer the £85m it owes the clearing banks under the scheme for providing cheap credit to ex-porters. There is at present no provision under its constitution for repaying this debt which has been mounting up over two

A hint that premiums for ex-port credit insurance would shortly be increased was given at the end of last week by Mr Robert Fell, who heads the department. He said at an export conference that the ECGD faced both rising costs and in-creased claims. The cost of cover against normal commercial risks is expected to rise from 25p per £100 worth of

Future of

rests with

Firth Brown

Government

Future control of Johnson Firth Brown, the Sheffield steel and wire maker, after bid approaches from both the public and private sectors of the industry, now seems to be in the hands of the Government.

The British Steel Corporation is believed to have made a formal offer worth around

formal offer worth around

£16.3m for the whole of the JFB equity. And a bid from Laird

Group for the key Jessel Securities stake of 34.3 per cent in JFB is believed to be seeking monopoly clearance. Laird,

which has already arranged fin-

ance for its offer, owns Patent Shaft Steel Works, a major

United Kingdom steel producer.

Another interested party is be-lieved to be Dunford & Elliott,

which already holds 6} per cent

Steel industry sources were in agreement yesterday that the

Government's view would prove

paramount. The European Steel Commission, while clearly in-volved, was thought unlikely to veto a move by either Eritish Steel or the United Kingdom

The Government would have to judge its decision in the light

of possible monopoly implications, as well as of public versus private ownership policies.

It will also have to consider the attitude of the workforce

at JFB who, nervous regarding

job security, have joined with the JFB board in saying that any unwelcome bid particularly from

BSC would be resisted. The view of the trade unions was a crucial

of Firth Brown.

private steel sector.

y Melvyn Westlake goods insured, to about 27p or British exporters will soon 28p. With the international have to pay more for insuring business climate becoming in-against defaulting overseas creasingly difficult there was a buyers. A rise in premiums of three-fold jump in 1973-74 in creasingly difficult there was a three-fold jump in 1973-74 in the number of claims by exporters unable to extract payment from overseas buyers. As trading conditions have deteriorated still further since last spring, the number of claims is likely to show a

steeper rise. The underwriting operation for short-term export credits has been unprofitable for a considerable time, but premiums have been held steady for many years.
Mr Fell, who leaves the
ECGD at the end of the year to

become chief executive of The Stock Exchange, reports a surge in demand for export credit insurance in recent months. This partly reflected the continuing rise in the value of exports, but was probably also attributable to a growing uncertainty in the business climate throughout the world, largely because of inflation.

As a result, individual buyers as well as whole nations are now more risky prospects. The department is obliged to pay its way, taking one year

Food processors who use

sugar have protested to the

Government about a concession

in price controls that has been

awarded to cane and beet refiners but not to companies

Refiners were enabled by an

Order laid down by Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary for

Prices and Consumer Protec

tion, to impose their last price rises immediately, without enduring the 28-day scrutiny by

the Price Commission that is imposed on all of the other 150

nanufacturing companies in

Mr Tim Fortescue, secretary-

general of the Food and Drink Industries Council, said:

"Refiners have been allowed to dodge the Price Commis-sion, but users have not." He

added that a protest had been

made to the Government by the sugar users' group in the

This includes the Cake and

Biscuit Alliance, the Cocoa, Checolate and Confectionery Alliance and the Food Manu-facturers' Federation, which

covers all other main users in-

cluding those who make soft

NatWest head

reiterates denial

of Sindona loss

More than half of the cost

of jam is accounted for by to the Community price, the sugar, while bakers and confec- price to industrial users might

By Hugh Clayton

that use white sugar.

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Sugar users protest

at price rise Order

to be met by increased premiums. However, this is bound to disappoint exporters who are finding that they need more than ever to insure against nonpayment by their foreign customers. In many cases ex-porters are likely to add the extra cost of insurance premiums to the price of their pro-

But ECGD legislation which, under the sponsorship of the Department of Trade, is sche-duled to come before Parliament this week will if passed ment this week will it passed remove a thorny problem that for many months has troubled both the City and Whitehall.

The problem stems back to spring 1972, when changes were made to the scheme which had for a decade helped British exporters compete in world markets by offering low-cost credit to potential customers. Under the scheme banks undertook to the scheme banks undertook to provide cheap, fixed-rate, finance for all exports sold on repayment terms of more than

two years.
The difference between the fixed rate and the actual level of money market rates would

Mr Fortescue said that food

processors were worried that

the Government's policy of concentrating available sup-plies on retailers would con-

Users were not reassured by statements from Brussels that

shown that it was able to sec-

supply cut

sugar users get a fair share of

supplies on the grounds that

they supply the housewife with sugar as much as the refiners

Britain to pay as much as it needed above the Community

price to ensure that 1,400,000

tons of cane from the develop-

ing Commonwealth cane came

here next year. But sugar users in the food industry feared that if the retail price in Britain was subsidized down

EEC ministers had allowed

". Mr Fortescue said.

We want to ensure that

ure enough sugar in

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tinue next year.

with another, and the rising be recovered by the banks costs of its operations will have through a complicated refinance ing operation conducted by the ECGD. This would come into effect when fixed-rate export lending amounted to 18 per cent of the banks' current account At the time, it was envisaged

that the scheme would be broadly self-balancing. However, an increase in the level of interest rates and a big increase in the banks' current accounts has left the ECGD deeply in dant to the banks. With fixed. debt to the banks. With fixed rate export credits at around ? to 8 per cent, they were barely over half the true cost of money in the market earlier this year.
(A similar scheme for the ship-building industry has also led to the banks being owed many mil-

The ECGD, which was established in 1919, many years before the export-import banks operated in other countries, has the power to lend, but not to make direct grants. New legis-lation would change this. The Exchequer would meet the bill for past and future sums of money owed to the banks as a result of the export credit

Fiat pact gives unions voice in

management Rome, Dec 1

An immediate return to full time working, followed however by a 25-day Christmas shutdown, are the most immediate features of a far-reaching agreement concluded between Fiat and the trade unions. The agreement, reached yes-

the EEC had accepted the principle of making good Britain's sugar deficit in 1975. The Community had not yet terday, gives the unions a say in decision-making processes of (taly's biggest private company. The management has under-taken to "examine jointly and If it did not, then judging by government policy in Britain this year, food proces-sors would again face a more systematically" with the Metal-workers Federation future production activities, capital investment programmes in the Mezzo giorno, reorganization and di-versification initiatives, and the organization and mobility of manpower.

Each month the management will give the unions details of the previous month's output and of unsold vehicle stocks (at present more than 300,000). Starting on January 7 it will conduct with the unions quarterly reviews of output and of the implementation of production programmes.

The unions have accepted the need to reduce working hours if certain targets of unsold vehicles up to next April are

The company has also pledged not to make redundancies throughout 1975 in the labour force of abour 200,000. It has also agreed to keep over-

time working to a minimum.

This agreement for collaboration with the unions is the blueprint whereby Fiat hopes to survive the world automobile crisis which in Italy has brought a 30 per cent drop in registrations in October com-pared with those 12 months

The agreement is expected to bring pressure on Italy's second car manufacturer, stateowned Alfa Romeo, to reach a similar settlement.

Saudi hint of 'full oil takeover' by year's end

Bahrain, Dec 1.—The final stages of the oil ministers' conference here were over-shadowed today by a Saudi Arabian statement that Arabs might have full ownership of their oil at the end of this year.

The remark came in the middle of an unscripted speech by Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi minister, at a ceremony here yesterday to inaugurate the construction of a dry-dock complex sponsored by the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC).

There was a time when Arabs left their oil to be controlled by foreigners. Shaikh Yamani said, then added: "But by the end of this year, God willing, we shall see the end of that cra and the Arabs' full ownership of their oil will return to them. No clarification was available of Shaikh Yamani's statement of Shaikh Yamani's statement which, taken literally, would mean increasing state ownership of foreign operating companies from an average of 60 per cent under existing "participation" accords to the full 100 per cent.

While usually well-informed sources said the statement should be taken seriously, some observers believed the minister

observers believed the minister might have intended to refer only to ownership of the indus-try in his own country—the world's biggest oil exporter.

There has been talk before now of a total Saudi takeover of the giant Arabian American Oil Co (Aramco). If Aramco were bought out, observers said, it could give a lead to other Gulf states to boost

their share in the foreign com-panies. All such participation agreements provide for revision at any time.

Apart from the dry-dock launching ceremony, the OAPEC ministerial council session here was described as routine—to discuss the organization's other joint projects and its budget for 1975.

There was no indication that

There was no indication that more controversial items were being added to the agenda, and a second closed-door meeting last night ended after little

more than two hours.
The ministers were expected to finish their work this morning. Some plan to fly home in

the afternoon.—Reuter. Ralph Izzard writes from Bahrain: OAPEC oil ministers completed their thirteenth rou-tine meeting here today with no big surprises for consumer countries.

A brief communiqué issued late this afternoon stated that apart from approving the secretariat's budget for next year, the meeting had agreed on dis-tribution of the capital shares of the organization's Arab Petroleum Investment Company, and that the company would come into being as soon as its agreement was ratified

by member states.

Mr Abdul Rahman al-Artigi,
OAPEC's secretary-general,
later stated that ratification
could not be expected before the next meeting, due to be held in Kuwait next May. The capital shares had been

oversubscribed, however, and a minimum of 3 per cent and a maximum of 20 per cent had been set.

tioners together use more than not be. C & W chairman rebuts charges of

By Christopher Wilkins In an uncharacteristic rebuttal of stock market rumours, Sir John Prideaux, chairman of National Westminster Bank, has reiterated that the bank has no outstanding liabilities or losses in relation to the Sindona group of banks or from other foreign

exchange operations.

In a statement at the weekend he said that after a detailed in-vestigation, International West-minster Bank was satisfied that the alleged letter sent to a Sindona bank authorizing foreign exchange transactions was "false". Supporting documents have been sent to the Milan

authorities. Sir John also denied that the bank had received support from the Bank of England and

asserted that no discussions had been held about the possibility

Declining car sales pose threat of more cutbacks and redundancies

By R. W. Shakespeare Another round of difficult another round of difficult labour problems in the motor industry, which will today have thousands of workers again idle because of strikes and lay-offs, is taking place against a background of mounting concern about correlations of mounting concern about employment prospects in the car plants.

There are increasingly strong grounds for believing that redundancies to date, like those announced among white collar workers at Chrysler UK last week, may be only an indication that some bigger cut-backs on the lines of those being experi-enced in the United States and European car centres could be on the way here.

A combination of trends all point to an extremely difficult period ahead for the industry. The home market for new cars is falling fast and some of the industry's forecasters believe that it will be down from around 1.7 million to about one million next year.

Foreign penetration of this dwindling market has increased and is increasing. Overseas manufacturers have large stocks of unsold cars, with a sizable proportion of them slready in showrooms in this country. They are only too anxious to snap up the orders that British plants fail to meet, often through disputes and production delays on the models most in demand because of increased

It is in the "volume" pro-duction car plants that the main There are clear signs that this problems exist. The experience is no longer the case although in Chrysler—probably the most it still cannot produce enough problems exist. The experience in Chrysler—probably the most vulnerable of the "big four" car makers in Britain—is an illustration of the trend. The white-collar redundancies

just announced are symptomatic of a much more deeply rooted malaise. Before the two big strikes in Coventry last year, which cost Chrysler more than £40m in lost output, the Ryton car assembly plant was producing the company's top selling Avenger range at the rate of By early this year the output had been reduced to 2,900, and

last month this was cut again to 2,600. Now Chrysler says that by January output at Ryton will be down to 2,200, which means that in some 18 months planned production will have been reduced by more than a third. Chrysler has been obliged to reduce its payroll of staff employees to match this cut in output, initially by a policy of not replacing personnel who have left the company and now

ing some 700 throughout the British operation, including 400 in the Midlands. British Leyland's biggest problem for the past year or two has been that largely because of disputes in its own plants and in those of its components suppliers it has failed to achieve production figures to raw material costs.

by direct redundancies number-

of the right cars to meet the changed market conditions. Although British Leyland re-tains the biggest share of the

home market, having lost it briefly to Ford at one period during this year, it has suffered badly from foreign competition and now finds exporting more difficult.
British Leyland is faced with another major labour dispute.

All Triumph car production has been halted and about 9,000 workers are idle because of a strike by 1,000 assembly truck workers in Coventry.

Already Triumph has lost more than £10m worth of car production over the past three

weeks. In the present climate a hig proportion of these sales will never be recovered. David Young writes: The four chief British motor manusacturers are expected to submit new applications to the Price Commission, which if approved will increase the cost of new cars by around 10 per cent. British Leyland is likely to

be the first of the four to sub-mit an application with Ford, Chrysler and Vauxball seeking similar rises. The reasons for the applica-tions, which if submitted before the end of this year will be the fourth series in a 12-month period, are rising labour and

mismanagement By Kenneth Owen Criticisms of mismanagement in Cable and Wireless, the

government-owned international communications company, which are published in the current issue of Social Audit were re-butted yesterday by Mr Harry Lillicrap, chairman of the com-

pany.
The current issue refers to complaints by "senior executives" of weak management, overstaffing and the treatment of certain staff by the com-pany's head office; and of in-adequate control over the comadequate control over the company by the Treasury, as principal shareholder.

Mr Lillicrap said yesterday:

"I frankly don't believe that Social Audit has been approached by anyone that I would regard as a senior executive."

The journal also publishes a

The journal also publishes a table showing losses totalling f3.9m (including almost £2.5m for Coltronics) incurred by Cable and Wireless subsidiaries over the past four years.

Mr Lillicrap said that the losses should be considered in relation to Cable and Wireless's overall profits for the same period of between £35m and £40m.

Lockheed rejects offer Lockheed disclosed in Wash ington at the weekend that it had turned down a 5100m (nearly £44m) offer which would have given a controlling share in the company to Arab in-vestors. The statement followed reports in the Washington Post of an offer on behalf of a number of Persian Gulf investors, made last spring.

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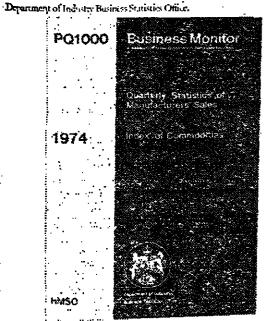
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Heart and head must work together Tramps may

I welve pages of job advertisements for managers, senior painful. Managers have been executives, professional and seen as the instruments of this technical specialists appeared in a recent issue of The Common and pain while. a recent issue of The Sunday Times. More than 200 jobs were emerged in the traditional displayed with salaries from leadership role of protector in displayed with salaries from £3.000 to over £10,000.

Potential candidates were wooed with descriptions of exotic equipment that they would be designing, building, operating, servicing or selling. Successful job seekers are required to possess high level pro-fessional or technical qualifications or specialized technological expertise.

Technology is all; not one advertisement for a manager specifies the need for personal qualities which will win the respect and enthusiastic cooperation of those he will be managing. One advertisement states that in business today there is no room for the indi-

Most commentators agree that we have a crisis of confidence and morale within industry with fewer and fewer employees identifying themselves with the aims of their companies.

This age of meritocracy has apparently produced technocrats well qualified to deal with the machinery of technical change, but not leaders in management jobs with the qualities necessary to win the cooperation, the good will and the fol-lowing of people on the shop floor working in the same en-

terprise.
The man part of management has been replaced with a com-puter symbol, at the cost of lack of understanding and empathy between the shop floor worker and the management problem sources.

Technical sophistication has been developed but not capacity for human inspiration. n some recent situations man agers appear to have abdicated any leadership role and have left this vital function entirely to Trade Union officials.

These officials have been demonstrably more successful in influencing and leading their rank and file members than have managers in leading those same members in their role as employees. As a result we may be at the stage where managers' right to lead is open to question.

The leadership aspect of management has become more difficult in recent years. Traditionally, a function of a leader has been to protect his people against the dangers and dis-advantages of disruptive change. but much of modern manage ment is concerned with creating and implementing change.

Change in industry has meant mergers, take overs, rationalizarion, redundancies, transformation of traditional values and the overthrow of previously accepted pecking orders. ferment and pain, whilst Trade Union officials have often these situations.

However, the likely cousequences of industrial change are researched and recorded. well probable reactions of a workforce can be reasonably anti-

So why has this generation of highly educated managers apparently failed to learn how to inspire its manual and clerical colleagues? Why is there fre-quently a greater gulf between shop floor worker and the graduate manager (whose own father may be a blue collar. union member) than that which existed between the old autocratic owner manager and his much less privileged employees?

As a consultant and a former industrial manager, I have had the privilege of working on industrial problems sometimes with teams of shop floor people and sometimes with groups of managers.
One of the facts of life I

have observed over the years is that managers and work people are increasingly bring-ing different vocabularies to same situation.

trained to think analytically and in abstract, to use words which are designed to convince on the basis of reasoning and intellect.

They have been educated to the ideal of "the rational manager", seeking solutions based on careful study and reflection, on analysis and evaluation of facts. They have been taught to communic cate on a factual analytic basis. People with less formal academic education, however, tend to have a smaller vocabulary. They also use a different vocabulary, based on the dominance of physical activity in their life. They deal with practical, visible, tangible things not symbols or abstract thought. and they expect their leaders to be visible, to be practical

Many of the shop floor words are vividly descriptive with emotional overtones rather than with cold analytical meanings. I remember a production operator saying to me "By the time you take the four-letter words out of my job description there'll be ——all left". His description was right. He had a filthy job carried out in appall-ing conditions. Manual workers distrust argu-

them to be more responsive to those calls which are to the emotions of the spirit and the heart than to the ascetic calculations of the brain.

Modern managers must be professionals, they must be numerate, they must have technical know how, they need the cap-acity to analyse and the ability

to stand back from a situation. But managers who believe that it is only necessary to be right with their facts and in their reasoning, have little hope of providing effective leadership to those they seek to manage. They need to understand

some of the unquantifiable areas of feelings and sensitivities, of the shop floor operative and to have the capacity and the will of their audience and on a level emotion as well as reason. sion can be as valuable in management as in other spheres. I sense that managers have become afraid of, or embarrassed about, the whole concept of leadership in recent years. We are so concerned about possible accusations of demagoguery or paternalism that we even avoid the leadership vocabulary words like loyalty, courage The new managers have been sense of responsibility, team spirit, boss or superior. The behavioural scientists taught us that the OK words

are participation, group consen-sus, counselling and advisory. A positive case could be made that this shying away from a leadership vocabulary is simply evidence of the worthwhile growth of industrial democracy and of the abandonment of autocracy; that it reflects greater participation in decision making by those affected by decisions.

Unions, however, have not felt it right to abandon the leadership vocabulary or the leadership role and whatever else they may be accused of it would not be lack of interest in the furtherance of industrial

Trade Union officials are referred to as union leaders; they appeal to the admirable emotive qualities of loyalty, solidarity, sense of comrade-ship and common purpose, and they use the language of their members in communications.

In recent civil service union action against temporary staff, it was union leaders who made the point that permanent staff were more loyal to their employers than the temps.

ments based on abstract analysis; they feel that they will be degree, able union leaders have outsmarted by those who have learned more of the words and vacuum left by managers, and more of the rules of that game are providing the cohesive Management.

Unhappy past experience of the consequences of cold econtial if complex modern industry is not to disintegrate.

Studies and surveys carried out in my consultancy work indicate that most people prefer to work in an organization where there is a sense of pur-pose, where decisions are made promptly, and communicated clearly, where departments act cooperatively, where individuals are made to feel insignificant and are encouraged to develop. and where the company is considered to have panache and style. In other words, people are hungry for good leadership not resentful of it; they will identify with managers having leadership characteristics.

In the postwar years much of management training empha-sized the need for leadership qualities and analysed those qualities and the ways in which they could be fostered. Some of this was a development from the wartime military concepts of leadership fostered by teachers of management like Colonel Urwick and Sir William

They did tend to see industrial organization as akin to a military hierarchy with the fore-man filling the role of the senior non commissioned officer, often carrying on his experienced shoulders the young newly commissioned managers whilst they were learning the leadership part of their craft.

The foreman's role has been sadly neutered by the advent of functional specialists and high speed information systems. This gap which has been created in first line supervision has not been filled by the new generation of managers because they have not assimilated the ways and the folklore, the language and the values of the shop floor.

The characteristics emphasized by the post war management leaders may sound old fashioned today. They include integrity, and moral courage, team spirit and loyalty and will-power; persuasiveness by example and by physical presence at the scane of action.

sence at the scene of action. But however old fashioned these virtues seem, we may need to re-emphasize their importance in addition to numerate technological specialism to help tween managers and managed in industry. Both hearts and heads are necessary for co-operative industrial efficiency as they are for individual life.

W. F. Younger

Managing Director of HAY-MSL Management Consultants and a past Vice-President of the Institute of Personnel

to success While other American tobacco

corporations pour into Europe and seek expansion in other world markets Brown & Williamson, a main profit centre for its parent British-American Tobacco, is busily preparing to shake things up in the huge United States market, Under test-marketing at the moment is its first new cigarette brand for many years, and over the coming weeks will come the critical decision on whether to go national or not.

There has been a rash of new brands in the American tobacco market, but, when Brown & Williamson noted for basty decisions) moves, other take notice. The Kentucky stable which bred the big selling Kool, Viceroy and Belair cigarettes has a track record that no executive wishes to blot with an expensive mistake.

Product line extensions and completely new brands are frequently suggested, but marketing men recognize a strong loyalty among smokers to existing names and wish to avoid vast expenditures which create only temporary changes to sales patterns and are never fully recovered.

At the BAT headquarters in the United Kingdom, which has seen as much as 40 per cent of profits generated by Brown & Williamson's somewhat autonomous management, they trust this judgment. The growth of sales has been such that present cigarette factories. Louisville, Kentucky, and Petersburg, Virginia, are now over-stretched-and a big new lant is now being built at Macon Georgia with Molins of Britain running strongly to supply up to 120 Mark VIV machines capable of 4,000 cigar-

ettes a minute each. ettes a minute each.
As Brown & Williamson's tall and friendly president, Joe Edens. looks out from his Edens, looks out from office he can see a test billboard displaying the new brand, which may well become as they say, "all the rage". Any doubts, even at this late stage, will result in the scrapping of the Tramps project, but things, as one executive whispered to me during a visit to the corporate headquarters

in Louisville, are looking good. Joe Edens, the man at the top, will take the marketing men's advice. Meanwhile, there are other matters much concerning him at this moment. The expansionary ambitions of the BAT group, which has bought its way into perfumes and European retailing, among tour operator going into liqui-other things, are felt across dation between payment of

As a result. Edens is undertaking the difficult task of revising B & W's corporate structure. It involves the creation of Brown & Williamson Intion of Brown & Williamson Industries Inc, with a new but
very small management team to
deal with the specific problems
of diversification. The acquisitions of Vita Food Products,
Kohl Supermarkets, and the
Gimbels and Saks Fifth Avenue
department store businesses
have made heavy claims on the
time of a management trained time of a management trained to run one of the most successful tobacco companies in the

A new holding company must meet Edens overriding requirement, that the tobacco operation and its executives are not damaged and can expand without the feeling that their traditional importance will be eroded.

It is no secret that new acquisitions will be made as opportunities arise. Brown & Williamson is a big enough predator on the United States business scene to have had a go at H. J. Heinz and Green Giant, among others.

To make sure that tobacco interests are well pro-tected in decision taking, char-lie McCarty, the present executive vice-president for B & W's tobacco operations, will have Edens's ear within the small team being set up to work at holding company level. The research and develop-ment team has a notable, free-

That explains why BAT in London allows the company such free rein. Indeed, BAT chairman Richard Dobson, the quietly spoken head of the world's largest invested. world's largest cigarette manufacturing combine, says the relationship with Louisville is basically a matter of consultation between friends and col-leagues. "The management of B & W and its subsidiaries, including Gimbels, is firmly in the hands of Joe Edens and his board", he tells me.

That is not something that parent groups usually say. And what gives it an added dimension is that the fact that in the reverse situation, subsidiaries in Britain of United States giants cannot always enjoy the same confidence, and consequential freedom from control. Neither Dobson nor Edens can, or would want to say it, at least at this stage, but the creation of an American holding company for B & W is bound to raise speculation about an eventual move to public quotation in the United States, for the acquisitive d—such as the mighty

But first, Tramps has to make its debut and reap more profit. And those non-tobacco businesses bave to weather the economic storm now hearing down on American industry

Maurice Corina

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Long-suffering consumer is entitled to be consulted

From Mr H. A. Johnson Sir, It is with grave concern that one notes the decision to exclude the Post Office Users' result of these negotiations National Council from the and the proposed withdrawal negotiations between the Post of government subsidies is Office and the Union of Post Office Workers, on the issue of reduced postal services (November 22).

Addressing the Institute of Public Relations at Eastbourne last year, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the then Minister of Trade and Consumer Affairs, referred to the communications gap tween the consumer and the purveyor of goods being at its largest in the public sector.

He went on: "It is of the highest importance that these bodies (the Community Health Councils in the reorganized NHS) should include people with whom the ordinary consumer is able to identify immediately: if not exactly, the girl next door, then at least a substantial sprinkling of articulate voung housewives

One had hoped that this speech would mark a new era in consumer protection. Then the Users' Councils of the Nationalized Industries, instead of being the under-publicized, little used, cinderellas of consumer protection organizations, might begin to play a meaning-ful role. Alas, those hopes seemed to be ill-founded.

While one accepts the genuine concern of the Union of Post Office Workers to secure decent working conditions Faculty of La for its members: the exclusion The Universit of the consumer from particip. November 26.

ation in the talks seems totally unjustified. It seems that the combined

likely to be a 51p or 61p first class post and the end of Saturday collections and deliveries, with side-effects on Monday deliveries.

Surely the long-suffering consumer is entitled to be consulted at the meaningful stage of negotiations and not presented with a fait accompli in which the requirement to consult is rendered meaningless?

S15(1) of the Post Office Act, 1969, requires the Post Office...before it puts into effect any major proposals relating to any of its main services . . . "to refer the proposals to, and consult thereon, with the Post Office Users' National Council ". would suggest that "con-

sult thereon" in a case such as this means—invite represent-atives of the council to the talks in an attempt to reach a ment between ALL parties.

Perhaps it is a little too much to hope that in an atmos-

phere of increasing trade union domination of the Government and the increasing failure to look at issues beyond the immediate effects on trade union members that such consultation will place. Yours faithfully, H. A. JOHNSON,

Faculty of Law, The University, Hull.

Holiday money safeguards

From Mr Neville Roberts Sir, It is depressing to read of the Government's new plans to safeguard holidaymakers'

monies. These revolve around a reserve fund to stand behind bonds already lodged by travel companies with the Civil Aviation Authority, which, in turn, were introduced last year to stand behind bonds lodged by travel companies with the Association of British Travel Agents. In all this there seems to be

a remarkable reluctance to go to the root of the whole prob-lem and legislate for the only true guarantee of holidaymakers' money. That is a trustee account system whereby customers would pay their holiday money, except possibly the booking deposit, direct into a trustee account set up either individually by travel companies or centrally by the Civil Aviation Authority.

That money would only be released by the trustees to the tour operator concerned after holiday and would be held on trust for the holidaymaker until completion of his holiday. In addition to providing complete protection for holiday-makers' money against the money against the dation between payment of

their holiday monies and the taking of their holiday, this scheme would also encourage tour operators use their own capital and resources to finance their businesses rather than clients' money before delivering the goods.

It would certainly make for slower growth within travel companies but that could be no bad thing in these difficult times. It is certainly the only way to restore public confidence in the ravaged holiday business and such a system is already law in the United States

Is it possible that the reluctance of Mr Peter Shore, the Minister responsible to give this idea a proper airing is due to the personal satisfaction he might be gaining from watching bookings for the nationalized tour operating companies, Sovereign and Enterprise, swell daily as a worried public turn to them-the only travel companies ultimately backed by an open cheque from the taxpayer. I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

NEVILLE J. ROBERTS, Algarve Agency, 61 Brompton Road, November 22.

Dialling the facts service

proves a success

From Mr R. Woolliscroft Sir, We note with interest you article on November 25 on th BSC's attempts to improve communications, and in partic ular the reference to the net internal telephone informatio

Your readers might be it terested to know that the Dail Mirror have been operation such a scheme since Septembe with astonishing success.

On that date we installed two-service system! Dial-a-Fac and Dial-a-Figure. The state ments on Dial-a-Fact at recorded by the managin director or an appropriat formation on Dial-a-Figure b the finance director. Each the two services has average over 3,500 calls a week

The introduction of the se

vice came from a suggestion; one of our joint management FOC (shop steward) consu tations at St George's Hous Windsor, where IPC New papers has been holding suc consultations over the pa four years as a part of i programme to improve hums and industrial relationships. We were happy to give BS and other important companiinformation on our experience

Yours faithfully, R. WOOLLISCROFT Director, IPC Newspapers Limited, 33 Holborn, London, EC1.

£50,000 for all!

Sir, Mr C. W. Wells puts for ward so persuasive an arg ment in his letter of Novemb 25 (Hurrah for the 550,000 year man) that I am convince that the country's econom difficulties would quickly d appear if everyone in or out employment were paid enoug to allow them each to contri ute £35,000 per annum in the

Inland Revenue.
I do not think I am alone looking forward to this pre pect with a mixture of avari and incredulity. Yours faithfully, P. M. MATHER

Department of Geography, The University of Nortingham University Park,

Little left to cut From Sir Reg Goodwin Sir, Mr Calvert in his lett-

(November 19) states that the GLC has its priorities the wron way round in raising fares a London Transport and cutti-little of our road building programme.

Despite his tigures beit wrong—we are in fact raisin £36m on higher fares next ye —he omits to state that the GI has little to cut from its ro building programme as we as the £2,000m Ringway scheme April, 1973. REG GOODWIN, The County Hall,

Industry in the Regions

Reminder of £100m EEC aid to the north

Despite the protestations of Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for Trade and other antimarketeers Mr George Thomson, European Commissioner with responsibility for regional policies, continued his "propaganda" campaign in Hull on Friday.

This was a regional gathering and it was to be expected that the wider implications of Community membership should take second place to the more downto-earth question of what benefits the regions of Britain were likely to derive.

Possibly the most astonishing impression to emerge from the question-and-answer session conducted by Humberside indus-trialists and local authority representatives was the seem-ingly appalling lack of knowledge not only of regional benefits that might accrue from Britain's continued membership, but of those that had already

shown themselves In his speech, Mr Thomson recognized that if the public were to vote on Britain's membership with sufficient aware-ness of the issues involved, then an immense task of information

had to be undertaken. Ir would appear that most people are quietly making plans and costing projects ready for the emergence of the awaited regional fund which it is hoped will burst forth in all its glory in about a week's time at the EEC summit meeting in

If the Commission's proposals are accepted, about £600m will be available for distribution. The present proposals are that the fund shall be distributed on the basis of long-term economic development projects put up by member countries, who show that they are necessary for their own under-developed areas.

What is not always realized i that there are other regional funds in existence which have already contributed in the form of loans or grants to Britain. Mr Thompson was more than a loans or grants to Britain. little surprised to discover that few people were aware that between January, 1973, and September this year the total awarded by the Commission to the north of Eugland was no less than £100,252,802.

Mr Thomson listed the loans and grams aiready doled out. For instance, from the Social Fund one might select at random financial aid for redundant steelworkers. A £700,000 grant was given to 3,600 workers from the British Steel Corporation's Appleby Frodingham works after the closure of several plants. A grant of £63,500 went to 200 workers after the closure of Claywheel Lane works, Sheffield, while £289,500 went to 811 made redundant by closure of BSC's Stanton iron works

Aid for families and depen-dants of victims of the Markham and Lofthouse mine disasters and the Flixborough chemical plant explosion totalled £29,266. Financial aid for redundant miners—if there are any—is on the cards, and in north and south Yorkshire 464 miners' houses belonging to the National Coal Board are being modernized through a European Coal and Steet Community loan, payable over a 25-year period at 1 per cent interest.

The European Investment Bank has provided loans at about two-thirds the current interest rate in Britain, nearly £26m for the modernization of the Scunthorpe steel complex; £14m for steelworks at Teesside : £18m for the Scunthorpe coke ovens expansion scheme : £3.5m for modernization of Horden and

Blackhall collieries, co Durham, Bradford has received an EEC grant of £82,282 to replace its obsolete fishmarket, and there

is a crowded list of substant grants for drainage, flood p vention, for building trawle moderuizing a bacon factory Yorkshire, a dairy in Durha and numerous other proje under the heading of "aid.

London, SE1.

Coal and steel research p jects have also attracted st stantial grants

Nationally, grants and los Britain's first 18 mont membership amount £322,547,904, somewhat excess of the payments ma and due from Britain to European Community budg at £280,358,141.

Going back to the region fund, however, it is expect that by the time Britain is full paying member of the Comunity in the 1980s the p regional development fur alone will bring something li £200m to the intermediate a special development areas

Mr Thomson is convinc that the new regional fund w become as firmly established part of Community expenditu as the common agricultur policy spending is today.

Ronald Kersha



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Comments on the results:

The Price Code has continued to restrict profits.

 Diversification and quality of products have combined to mitigate the worst effects of the severe recession in building.

EUROPE'S CRISIS CHRISTMAS: CAN THE SHOPPERS AFFORD TO GO CRACKERS?

Santa Claus makes his own rules. And, with Christmas just around the corner, the whole of Europe is spending even more of the money of which we daily seem to have less.

Tomorrow, Europa investigates this phenomenon, and considers what things would be like in Europe if

nation prepares itself for the first free election in

every day were like Christmas. In the same issue, Dr. Mario Soares, the Portuguese foreign minister, in an exclusive interview, reveals how a

forty-eight years. Europa also considers what can be done to give Europe's harassed teachers a better deal; how barley might prove nothing but a lemon to the German beer industry; takes a look at the prospects for a European film industry; and shows how fear of a luxury tax is inhibiting jewellery design-turning precious stones into precious

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Finance houses on the high wire

with some trepidation and a little uncertainty. At the im stage profits were virtu-halved to £1.47m and algh, in some respects, the nd half should have seen mprovement, there remain mber of imponderables. The one will be an important ator for the finance houses

ie fundamental trading ate is unquestionably better than it was during the first of the year. Following the imber restrictions, hire pure business fell away sharply cidentally with the three-week. But since then there been some recovery and I quarter statistics on new it extended indicated a dization in monetary terms bound the levels seen in the gnarter last year.

ore importantly, perhaps, passing of time has brought rogressive run-off in the sess contracted during the t lending days of 1972/73 the finance houses were ly making three-year con-er loans at rates which left. profits after they had been sauced at the much higher is seen in the second balf ast year and the first half

he easing of short-term rest rates since mid-summer meant that the houses are picking up the benefit of reverse swing of the pen-m. Since a rising propor-of their business is, in any linked to the Finance ses Association base rateide estimates suggest it id be as high as 40 per cent otal business for Mercantile possibly rather more for possion rather more to remarking should be re-ring well this half and fits therefore ought to be ter than the two previous

hat at least, is the theory, at is less certain is how far cost of money to the finance ses has risen above money kets rates. The finance ses have not remained une to the general . ecycling cess associated with the wn heavily on the support of ir clearing banks. What price been exacted for this supis far from clear, but one ious possibility is that the ses are having to pay a ter margin over interbank s to generate funds.

so, the swing of the interest cycle into their favour can spected to have a less signitimpact on profits than has terly been the case. s far as this year's results concerned, however, the cial area of uncertainty is r what provisions are likely e necessary against loans to perty. Last year UDT allo-d provisions of £6m against Im of loans secured against perty, and unless its lending cies in 1972 and 1973 were

nantial provisions may be voidable this year.

1 Mercantile's case, the size loans committed against perty is much smaller aligh as a percentag of the portfolio it may not be very etem. So the same principle lies and hefty provisions n inevitable. All told, there ald be little surprise in the k market if profits work out

od deal more conservative

analysts suspect further

r's £12.8m. all goes well, the current could see the houses estab-ing firm, even though ressed bases from which to mark upon a period of reed growth, but as long as perty development remains er a cloud, with all the mual for causing further stantial losses, the ratings of houses are bound to suffer.
Imprisingly in such prickly
Instances stock market
Sment is concentrating on degree of exposure should worst occur. The yields more recently listed companies he three majors—Lloyds & in particular feel they have

City is approaching Mer- Scottish at 16.5 per cent, Mer-ile Credit's final results this cantile at 25.1 per cent and UDT at 30.1 per cent—are a direct reflection of their relative

gearing. Such lowly ratings have inevitably led to questions about whether the three independents will be likely to follow the example of Forward Trust and Hodge Group and throw in their lot with their dominant share-

Samuel Osborn The Jessel

connexion

The City fears a downturn next year, and steel is a classic cyclical industry, but Sheffield special steelmaker Samuel Osborn is still confident. Order books remain good, although there are some signs of confidence weakening among customers, and the group tends to suffer later than others from recession as a capital goods supplier to the engineering construction, chemical and

other industries. Osborn can also point out that the new Ecclesfield steelworks is still not quite up to optimum operating levels, that under EEC rules it can raise prices over 85 per cent of output as it likes. and that domestic earnings will stay tax-free for some years

thanks to past losses, Even so, the year to September 27 was exceptional. It was the year when for once Osborn had everything going for it. Demand both in Britain and South Africa was running at high levels and export prices were good. Profits, moreover, had started the year at low levels. Some steel prices rose by up to half. Ecclesfield got into its stride after years of dislocation stranging and more stranging and s dislocation, streamlining and reequipment and there were stock windfalls too.

The new profits peak finds the shares after a 5p rise on the figures at their par value, selling at 1.4 times earnings, and yielding 14.8 per cent. A crucial factor, though, is that in the background stands Jessel Securi-ties' associate, Johnson & Firth

Johnson talked about co-operating more closely with Osborn last year, and the two companies are friendly even though there is no boardroom link. Osborn would not be averse to an industry restructuring to judge by the remarks of the chairman, Mr Bernard Cotton, in the last accounts when he complained about the long-term problem of oversupply and in-dustry fragmentation. He added that the group had talked with other steel companies about merging production units.

What happens to the Jessel stake in Johnson remains to be seen, however. Apparently three groups including British Steel Corporation are interested in it, but the EEC authorities will have the final say. Osborn itself has further dividend leeway under the Treasury's recovery rules; and its big investment programme is over. The shares are interesting.

Pinal: 1974 (1973) Capitalization £2.3m Sales £25.89m (£19.69m)

Pre-tax profits £2.88m (£671,000) Earnings per share 18.4p (nil) Dividend gross 3.7p (1.3p)

mly around a third of last Private companies Out of the firing line

The story of the company chairman who walked into a City merchant banker's office recently to inquire about going "unpublic", may sound like a bad bear-market joke but apparently a number of com-panies have been putting out feelers recently in this direc-

ប៉ុល្ It seems that some of the been betrayed by the stock mar ket. The equity expansion capital they came to market for is virtually unavailable at present, and some seem to fancy their chances more with a strong institutional partner like a development bank.

For such banks—say the development capital arm of a merrechant bank—there are auractions in buying publicly quoted equity stakes, not least because market capitalizations are historically low. A bank may typically be financially structured to take a five to seventeer the auractions of year view. The attractions of buying undervalued assets with a view to taking dividends initi-ally and ultimately disposing of

the company through a reflota-tion makes sense on this basis. What prompts these observa-tions is the publication by Graham, Trotman, Dudley Pub-lishers, of Britain's Top 1000

Private Companies, as re-searched and compiled by Financial Analysis Group. It reminds us that there are still very many large unquoted groups, technically quite hig enough to go public if they wished

Just to give a few examples: George Weston Holdings, big-gest of the unquoted companies, had a 1973 turnover of £733m and pre-interest profits of over £4m while Western United Investment Company (main vehicle of the Vestey family interests) comes second in the Top 1,000 with 1970 sales of £333m and profits of £181,000. Thomas Borthwick & Sons (meat importers) had 1973 sales of £324m and profits of £11.7m, while well-known names like the while well-known names like the Wellcome Foundation, Little-woods Mail Order, C & J Clark (shoes), Ferranci, the David Brown Corporation and Rubery Owen Holdings all have sales well over £50m a year and pre-interest profits between £1m and £22m, though the reporting dates are not always comparable.

These and scores more meet The Stock Exchange's usual expectation of profits around the m mark on listing (though the only written requirement is that market capitalization should usually approach £500,000). However, far from these unquoted groups seeking listings, the trend would seem likely to be in the opposite direction, in the short-term at least. Isolated new issues like Henry Boot and George M. Callender last week do nothing

to upset this assertion.

Regular accountability to a wide group of shareholders can he an onerous obligation for many companies and, unless the quid pro quo is access to wider capital markets the game may seem hardly worth the candle Even the I per cent premium which quoted groups used to get on a debenture coupon (over an unquoted group's issue) seems to have been eroded to

seems to have been eroded to virtually nothing.

Another factor, which certainly weighed heavily in the Pilkington Bros' decision to go public a few years ago, is securing a ready "out" for a large number of family shareholders, via a Stock Exchange quotation. Needless to say the way out is now blocked by lack of demand in the equity market, and the estate duty beneket, and the estate duty bene-fits of going public are often exaggerated by all but the merchant banks who know the various options open. The Financial Analysis group

The Financial Analysis group supports the theory that private companies are more efficient employers of capital. The ratio of profits to net assets in their sample group of 1,000 companies is 16.7 per cent compared with 14.4 per cent for quoted companies (this latter figure from official statistics). For the record, a (then) Department of Employment and Productivity survey in 1968 showed unquoted companies investing far more in fixed assets and paying out less in divi-dends than quoted companies. All this is interesting food for corporate thought (and possibly consolation) while the bear

Hugh Stephenson

Lessons to be learnt on building a tunnel

Whatever the eventual outcome of the Channel Tunnel affair, the entire episode is a rich case history of how not to do these things in future. As, inevitably, more industrial and commercial activity, when it is on a multi-million pound scale, will be conducted in the grey area between gov-ernment and the private sector, it is mportant that the lessons should be

Why, for a start, has all the serious public discussion about whether we need a tunnel (and, if so, what form it should take) only developed after the project was well into its initial stages? Now that there is a real possibility that the final British decision will be against the tunnel, this means that substantial direct and indirect compensation payments may have to compensation payments may have to be made to those who have invested in the operation.

One main reason is that, because of the curious hybrid nature of the tunnel's financing arrangements, White-hall in general and the Treasury in particular never considered it necessary to look critically at the proposals. The tunnel, if built, will be financed almost entirely by money raised by the operating companies as loans, carrying the respective guarantees of the British and French governments. The figuring has not, therefore, been included in the totals of forecast public sector spending and the Treasury has consequently not shown its usual meticulous concern for the wellbeing of the public

In the two respects that matter, however, this method of financing has virtually identical consequences to those that would follow, if the project were being directly financed by Exchequer loans. First, the real resources that will be devoted to the construction of the tunnel are just as real and as extensive as if they were being bought by the Department of the Environment itself. The cost is now put at £1,500m (having started life at £846m). It is certain to be higher and the higher it goes the go higher and the higher it goes the lower will be the fixed proportion (10 per cent of the original estimate cost) that will be paid for by the private interests involved directly.

Secondly, so far as management of the Coveryment's daht and horrowing

the Government's debt and borrowing requirement is required (with all the attendant implications for the control of the money supply) borrowing under

government guarantee by the tunnel operating companies is the same as borrowing on the same terms by local authorities, nationalized industries or the Government itself.

For, if the Government needs to borrow money on its account the amount available will be less by what has gone into government guaranteed Channel Tunnel bonds. The loans themselves will become in effect an integral part of the pool of government guaranteed debt for which the managers of the public debt will have to care.

Lord Rothschild's think tank never formally looked at the Channel Tunnel in relation to Britain's transport needs, partly for this reason and partly because, as a matter of practical politics, it was judged that Mr Heath had such a profound personal commitment to the project (it bad featured centrally in his private talks with President Pompidou) that it was not worth wasting valuable time trying to argue.

The result was that Mr Peyton, as

the minister responsible for transport, pushed the basic tunnel Bill through at such speed in the first half of 1973 that there was no extensive and informed discussion of the project as a

whole. For example, there was never any clear and coordinated picture presented of how the tunnel would fit into the rest of the British transport

system. The two parts of the picture were further kept separate, because the private Channel Tunnel companies were only responsible for the hole itself. The figures they presented on their account in no way included certain not insigni-ficant items, such as the London rail link, without which, however, the entire

project made little overall seise. So the discussion about whether the tunnel project was viable financially ought also have asked much more clearly whether it was viable taking into account the other very large capital expenditures like the road link, which would have to be financed directly by government. If this had been properly taken into account in the total cost benefit analysis from the start, it must be doubted whether the project would have reached the stage where, last week, Mr Crosland was finally required to say that £373m (not allowing for several extra costs still to come) was too much for British Rail to spend.

Japanese case on car restrictions threat

Both publicly and in private the British Government is being urged to follow Italy's lead and impose severe restric-rions on Japanese car imports. The case for doing so would seem to be overwhelming. But is it?

The growing protectionist lobby has yet to put any meat on the bones of their claim that the Japanese have effect-ively closed their home market to imported cars, and until they do it is impossible to examine the merits of their

The facts relating to the massive imbalance in Japan's favour are irrefutable. This year she will sell some 80,000 cars in Britain while we shall export at most 1,500. Last year on the basis of similar figures the balance of trade in cars in Japan's favour was £69m. But it is the reasons being advanced by British motor spokesmen for their failure to sell in Japan which need closer

Sir Raymond Brookes, president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, has attacked what he describes as "the non tariff barriers usually to be found in small print". Others have talked of hidden obstacles. When asked for details they have referred vaguely to bureaucratic vaguely to bureaucratic administration of homologation regulations (acceptance test for new cars). They claim that this can drag on for a year and by the time clearance is obtained new regulations make further modifications neces-

Motor Manufacturers Association.

The most frequently heard complaint is the impost bility of obtaining adequate dealer-ships under the present mar-keting set-up. British sales executives returning from Japan insist that the two major Japanese manufacturers have effective control of all avail-able dealerships in the 20 large cities which account for 80 per cent of all Japanese car sales. In many cases is amounts to full financial ownership.

Where Japanese dealers are available they demand such huge profit margins that Bri-tish cars sell at two and three times their United Kingdom retail price.

Yet taken point by point there seem to be answers to all these allegations which must be investigated before such a far reaching and potentially dangerous step as the erection of protectionist barriers is undertaken. For instance, can the import of Japanese cars be considered in isolation from the remainder of the growing trade between the two countries?

In the first nine months of To comply with European In a recent statement Nissan this year Japan exported regulations they have to repo-commented on this: "Since the



Clifford Webb looks at the Japanese motor industry in the light of many voices urging severe restrictions of their car imports to this country. But as he points out the question needs closer examination.

long delay between the announcement of new regulations and the issue of English translations by the Japanese Motor Manufacturers Associated for instance of the mentary exercises and the issue of English translations by the Japanese Motor Manufacturers Associated for instance of the pillar for sear belt anchor mentary exercises are manufacturers. mentary question earlier this year elicited that on invisible earnings Britain has an esti-mated balance in her favour of between £150m and £200m.

> In addition a study of the average monthly value of British exports to Japan in the first nine months of 1974 show that it is increasing by around f5m a month compared with a year ago. (It would seem from this that British industry in general is making a belated but promising effort in the Japanese market which would be endangered by a trade war.) On the question of homolog-ation and other problems with regulations, Japanese spokes-men insist that they have as many if not more difficulties

> Britain. Nissan-Datson for instance say that they had to wait 18 months to obtain approval to sell their 180 B estate in Ger-many. They maintain a full-time staff of five experts in

to overcome when exporting to EEC countries including

ages, vary the thickness of safery glass, reinforce floors, change side and rear lamps and use tyres of different construc-

The Japanese are particularly critical of British complaints that regulations in Tokyo are not available in English until several months later. They point out that the SMMT does not offer any Japanese translation at all whereas their own Manufacturers Association provides English versions. Also there is a six months to one year period of grace granted to im-porters before they are required to comply. There is no period of grace in Europe.

There is now no restriction preventing foreign firms investing in or establishing a subsidiary company in Japan to handle the import of cars. But a little known law prevents wholly owned foreign firm from owning retail outlets. There is, however, a loophole time staff of five experts in which in the present eager-toBrussels and one in Britain please climate could be exjust to keep up with European regulations. The paper work covering these regulations weighs 36lb.

To comple

foreign manufacturer can establish his own 100 per cent owned subsidiary in Japan for importing and wholesaling pur-poses without being subject to government intervention. government int approval or red tape." The statement adds that such a company could appoint Japanese owned retailers with-out hindrance. This does not, of course, answer the basic complaint that such dealers are not available because of the blanket coverage policy of Nis-san and Toyota,

Nissan have repeated their offer to assist British Leyland to establish itself in Japan by making available space on its special car carrier ships returning from Europe and also to service BL cars through its Japanese remil network. BL have rejected this out of hand because they say there are too many hidden strings.
Asked why British manufac-

Asked why British manufac-turers do not sell more cars in Japan if, as they claim, the door is wide open, Japanese spokesmen say the answer is to be found in British board-rooms and not in Tokyo. The difficulty in trying to sort out these complex counter-claims is that they ignore the present depressed state of world car markets: It may be that the Japanese are prepared to make a real effort to open their own market to foreign their own market to loreign cars, but they do so from an established position of strength in Europe which is becoming politically unacceptable while thousands of German, French and Italian car workers are being thrown out of work and a similar spectre looms in Britain Britain.

One suggestion now rinding support is that a summit conference of Japanese and Euro an outside 'invasion' it is too unlikely that the foreign investment authorities would disvestment authorities would disthreat of protectionist meathreat of protectionist meacation of this nature filed by a sures, this has produced foreign motor manufacturer— results in the shape of voluntary quotas imposed by Japanmanufacturers of other "It is therefore clear that a goods.

AMC Announcement

though no such application has

so far been made.

The Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Limited

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Business Diary in Europe • 'East Indies deaf'

us by Estel, the third largest il company outside the ted States, to invest in South has caused a storm of test in The Netherlands. m which once again outlines paradox, one of many, of the xistence of industry and ities there. hose who might think from that the Dutch necessarily affinity to their Afrikacus hews are much mistaken. majority of public and poli-

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e investments in that part the world. istel, Dutch dominated abination of the former Hoo-'ens and West German esch, is now considering taka 61 to 7 per cent share in South African Saldanha hel project, a new steel plant which the South African te in the form of Iscor has 51 per cent interest. The stence of the plan was jught into the open by Andre 20s. former chairman of the ropean Lighist Association zielist Trade Unions, an



Gerhard Beil: pictured at the weekend after a hectic two-day visit to Britain.

He is on record as telling the board that he had no objection to the investment, so long as there was no discrimination between the employees there on grounds of race, colour and creed, and freedom of rade union activities was guaranteed. But the socialist dominated

Dutch Government, representing the States around 30 per cent interest in Estel, has limited its reaction so far to mild surprise and promises of further con-sideration. They seem resigned to the fact that their control over industry is strictly limited.

of, as the world council of churches has demanded, selling up the State's shares and refusing to collaborate.

I wo-day trot

We thought that Gerhard Beil, state secretary in the Foreign Trade Ministry of the German Democratic Republic, was in for a busy time during his two-day visit to Britain. And so it turned out to be.

Dr Beil was down to address the GDR section of the London Chamber of Commerce, and to call on ICI, GKN and BSC-all to be fitted in between meetings with Peter Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, Lord Beswick, Minister of State for Industry, Eric Deakins, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Trade, and officials of the British Overseas Trade Board.

Certainly Dr Beil and Deakins arrived late for their weekend press conference, and there was time for only two questions—one of which, of course, came from The Times. Amid the ritual noises about "increasing today and concerning" it did trade and cooperation" it did emerge that there would next year be an exchange of technicians between the BSC and the republic.

Some cheer

Unfortunately for Christmas shoppers in Britain who are over industry is strictly limited. Shoppers in billian was are but there is no sign that the now boggling at the price of a often heard moral protest could bottle of sherry, there will be materialize in the political act no surplus of sherry from this

The crop in Jerez was about a fifth down on 1973, bringing it more or less within normal limits. But even if Jerez had been awash with grape juice, the bodega keepers would still

Like Scotch or port, sherry has to age. Even a modest tipple spends about three years "growing" in the dim bodegas and in being "educated" through blending with yet older wines. This year's grapes, for instance, are unlikely to be decauted from bottles here in Britain

before 1977 or 1978.

Business Diary in Europe is reluctant to conclude a Christmassy story on an unhappy note, so putting the best face possible on the preceding transaction, we're glad to pass on an assurance from Spain thatso far as sherrymakers are concerned—prices, high though they may be, should remain stable for "some time to come"

Sunk!

Helmut Schmidt, the West Italy's new Minister German Chancellor, was not Pinance, Bruno Visentini, i alone in facing a critical audience when he appeared before the Labour Party's Europe conference in London over the weekend. George Thomson, the EEC Commissioner responsible for regional affairs, found him to ensure that his interests are self in Hull, which is in turn protected in the framing of one of Britain's more sceptical

Thomson might have been kept at arm's length, though forgiven for thinking himself that attitude is slowly being

year's crop, nor any prospect of lower prices.

The crop in Jerez was about magnate Ralph Yablou's pro-Market Denton Foundation. But things got off to a bad start with the chairman, fellow socialist Lord Peddie, introducing George Thomson as "George Brown" (although to

be fair, Lord George-Brown is

also a pro-marketeer).

Thomson then came mildly unstuck, as many politicians do, when he embarked on some Dunkirk imagery. Yorkshire has some active anti as well as pro-marketeers in the business community Thomson had begun to say that, apropos of EEC membership, Britain was better off in a big ship than going it alone in a small boat.

This was too good a chance to let slip for the antis already present, one of whom heckled that it was small boats that had saved us from one European disaster-Dunkirk-while everybody knew what happened to the Titanic.

Rare bird

in public life. The Italian in-dustrialist traditionally looks down on politicians as pests whose parties have to be paid protected in the framing of new legislation. But otherwise they are people who should be

overcome, few yet think that careers in both business and politics are compatible. Visentini, born 60 years ago at Treviso near Venice, is a

man of many parts. He sits in

Parliament for the Republi-

cans, the junior partners in Aldo Moro's Christian Democrat-dominated coalition, and is one of Italy's leading tax experts. In industry, he was for years deputy chairman of the vast public sector corporation Instituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale (IRI), while latterly he has been chairman of Olivetti and vice-president of

At the next board meeting Signor Visentini is expected to resign from the Olivetti chairmanship and hand over to the deputy chairman, Roberto Olivetti, grandson of the founder.

Confindustria, the private in

dustrialists confederation.

His departure from Confindustria, from which he has already resigned, may however pose a problem. It was assumed that he would next spring succeed Gianni Agnelli Pinance, Bruno Visentini, is a of Fiat, who temporarily took rare bird in his country—an on the Confindustria presindustrialist who is prominent dency earlier this year. Agnelli may now be persuaded to remain for the full two years.

On the other hand, there are those who bet that Visentini will after all be available next spring. The Moro coalition has got off to a shaky start, and its life expectancy is not rated higher than that of the average

PARKER TIMBER GROUP LTD.

OUTSTANDING GROWTH

The Annual General Meeting of Parker Timber Group Limited was held on November 29th in London. The following is an extract from the circulated statement of the Chairman and Joint Managing Director, Mr. K. Whitby:--

Group Trading Profit, before tax for the year ended 31st March. 1974. was £3,051,036 compared with £1,163,885 in the previous year. The Directors recommend a dividend of 1.9698p net per share. This is equivalent to 11.76 per cent gross (1973 11.2 per cent adjusted for scrip issue 12th November, 1973) and allows the

maximum permitted increase. TIMBER AND PLYWOOD. Activity in our divisions has been at a satisfactory level and our policy of controlled expansion and improve-

ment has augmented profits in these areas. TIMBER ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING. Our pallet divisions enjoyed further growth and units are now established in London,

Manchester, Nottingham and Reading. EXPORT PACKING AND STORAGE. Parker International Limited have had a very successful year. All branches are extremely busy, and demand is at a higher level than for many years.

PACKAGING MATERIALS AND CORRUGATED CONTAINERS. A. Latter & Co. Limited, who have premises in Croydon. Swanley and Deptford, have achieved good trading results. In particular, carlon manufacture in Deptford has exceeded expectations. CURRENT TRADING. Trading for the first five months has been at an increased level of turnover, but at reduced margins due in part to increases in overhead costs. Despite these current difficulties, we

kets, and provided commodity prices stabilise, the Company will enjov a successful year in 1974/75 PARKER HOUSE, 144 EVELYN STREET, DEPTFORD, LONDON SE8 5DE

are confident that unless there is a further deterioration in our mar-

Link-up of three refineries brings about major Spanish giant

The biggest company in Spain begins business opera-tions there this week after the fusion of three important refi-

Industry) brings together the cent of the nation's energy refineries of Encaso, Repesa, needs. nd Entasa, in the new Empresa dacional de Petroleos SA Minority shareholders are Chevron, Texaco, Union Explo-sivos, Rio Tinto, and a group

Expansion

Wares

aids Change

Its continued expansion and diversification will stand Change Wares in good stead in the years to come, Mr Richard

Crane, chairman, asserts in his

annual statement. In the year

He goes on to say that the

efforts to move into develop-ment areas, to produce in Britain that which is sold in

Britain, the continued efforts

to increase investment per head to keep pace with in-creasing labour costs, plus the

ability to provide a firm finan-

cial base for its overseas manufacturing company, pointed "the way to survival if nothing else".

year, are expected to total 2709m, and its present refining capacity of 14 million tonnes per year is expected to grow to The new company, nearly 72 26 million tonnes by 1980, when per cent of which is owned by it will furnish 40 per cent of the Government cartel known the refinery needs of the as INI (National Institute for country, and will meet 24 per

> The formation of the Spanish giant was approved by the Cabinet last August but it did not formally come into exist-

The new company's sales this Alfredo Santos Blanco, wit-ear, are expected to total nessed the signing of the documents bringing together the three companies.

"The integration", the Minister said, "will permit greater flexibility, both in ensuring supplies of crude oil, and in distributing refinery products. The capability of getting credit, both at home and abroad, will be increased. Summing up: the benefits resulting from this fusion are much greater than the mere sum of the possibili-

ence until last Thursday, when ties of the three refineries conthe Minister of Industry, Senor sidered separately." Revised terms out for **Bougainville Copper**

Shareholders in Bougainville which has a 431 per cent stake in Bougainville.

Copper have now been sent a summary of the new agreement with the Government of Papua New Guinea varying the to June 29 the group, makers of wire-mesh goods, pushed up pre-tax profits 18 per cent to £478,000 pre-tax on turnover up one-third to £9.3m. terms under which it runs the big copper mine on Bougainville Island. The terms were originally laid down in the Bougainville Copper Agreement, but that was entered into with the Government of Australia, whose has now passed to power Papua New Guinea. Agreement

in principle on a new agree-

The preliminary details indicated that the company would pay tax on the whole of its 1974 profits at a standard corporation tax rate of 33 per cent and with a marginal excess profits tax on profits above an undisclosed figure ranging up to 70 per cent.

The formal summary repeats all this but adds that the speci-fied level of profit at which the 70 per cent rate becomes payable will be roughly \$87m in 1974. This level will be modified in future years to ment was reached early last month after the personal intervention of Sir Val Duncan, lished) against the United chairman of Rio Tinto-Zinc, States dollar, etc.

after AB Electronics' at Provident demand drop Clothing

the annual meeting of AB Electronics that 1974 brought the fuel crisis and interrupchairman of Provident Clothing & Supply Co, told share-holders at the extraordinary tions to production and consegeneral meeting that the group quent upheavals on a "scale neither had nor expected to we have not previously experienced".

Nevertheless record results were achieved. But subsequently many customers were found with a common description. have any liquidity crisis. The board was grateful to its numerous bankers for the continued high level of their sup-

faced with a severe drop in demand for their products, serious liquidity problems forced them to make substantial cuts in their com-ponent intake "almost overnight", contrary to their firm orders and delivery schedules. The result was that despite instituting economy measures, profitability in the last few months showed a downturn.

adverse factor, shortage of supplies, has shown some signs

of easing in recent weeks. Specialist items for the aero industry however remain diffi-

cult to obtain.

But the group has a good order book which is at a higher level than ever experienced before. Turnover is planned to

Brighter times at | SW (Canada) net Herman Smith profit rises Badly his last year by the shorter week followed by the engineers' ban on overtime Herman Smith says that another

Slater Walker of Canada's net operating profit rose in the nine months to September 30. Per share operating net income was 81c against 55c, net profit \$C3m against \$C2m.

The latest period excludes a SC282,366 gain on sale of investments and a SC339,000 gain from equity in sale of property.

Its final net profit comes to \$C3.6m, or 98c a share, compared with \$C3m (81c) and financial income SC3.3m (\$C1.3m). Equity in earnings of associated and unconsolidated expand accordingly. Inflation-ary pressures of course are affecting margins, and making forecasting difficult. subsidiaries (SC3.2m). was SC5.5m

Upturn seen after AB Liquidity not Corporations favour shorter loan Bankers in the Eurocurrency both the supply and den factors will be working in factors will be working in factors will be working in factors.

trend among corporate borrowers to seek funds for much shorter maturities than

Several companies reported to have been trying to raise loans for no more than six months or a year, in the firm belief that when the loans mature they will be able to make new loans at much lower cost. In most instances, the loans being sought are for relatively modest sums in the \$10m-\$20m

Behind this development lies port-without recourse to any the sharp rise in interest rate support group.". It remained spreads and in management fees and commissions being confident of the group's curexacted from borrowers by the The meeting approved the change of the company's name to Provident Financial Group. lending banks. Minimum spreads for the best quality borrowers are currently being fixed at 1-13 per cent over interbank rates (although the \$100m loan Trading activities would in future be carried on by wholly-owned subsidiaries, namely Provident Personal Credit, Practical Credit Services and the People's Bank. under negotiation for a Russian borrower is believed to have encountered difficulty over Russian reluctance to pay a spread as high as 1 per cent). This compares to spreads of roughly half that level eight or 10 mouths ago.

> still fewer banks prepared to join syndicated loans than in the first part of this year, those still in the market have been able to demand generous fees and commissions worth, perhaps as much as a further ? per cent The first advantage of raising a very short term loan is that it evades the necessity ing management commissions.
>
> More importantly, however, borrowers appear to be adopting the view that within the next six months or a year the current lenders' market will once again

turn into a borrowers' market

and that spreads will begin to

Moreover, since there are

Euromarkets

There are several arguments to support this assumption. One is that, with world economies moving into recession corporate borrowing pressures (as distinct from balance of payments pressures) on banks will be con-siderably eased. Some of those banks which have voluntarily adopted a lower profile in the Euromarkets in the second half of this year could thus again become willing lenders, although few would expect to

see much increased willingness to lend directly to countries. Secondly, it is suggested that the midsummer crisis of confidence among depositors in the Eurocurrency markets is now largely over and that funds are again flowing freely into the market. On the assumption that a considerable part of the petrodollars will continue to be deposited in the international market, it can be argued that

of corporate borrowers. which case it makes good s. to keep high cost borrowing short as possible in order take advantage of the expe lower spreads.

Barciays Eurodollar loan consortium led by Barclays International and comprisin the English and Scottish clebanks and three European tutions is providing a credit for Bank Handlow Warszawie SA, the state-o-Polish trade bank.

The agreement is the fir which the English and Scc clearing banks have combin co-manage a Eurodollar loa commercial enterprise in

ing British exports. The loan complements recent UK Export Credit fa . . . amounting to more than £ provided by the clearing to finance the Ursus Tr Project for the modernization (the Polish tractor industry.

Christopher Will

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Business appointments

Three join board of Assoc **Portland Cement**

Mr B. E. Gwyn, Mr J. S. Duthie and Mr T. R. Chesterfield have joined the board of Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers. Mr Colin Baird has been named director of marketing in the British Steel Corporation's commercial division at the

Mr G. D. Bates (development director), Mr K. Grundy (projects director) and Mr B. L. Harris have been elected to the board of Lockington Properties

(Holdings).
Mr J. F. G. Emms has become an executive director of Commer-cial Union Assurance. Mr R. D. Sampson has joined the board of Forminster.

Mr John Parsons has been made deputy mataging director of Markon Engineering.

Mr Dems Lonie becomes a director of Bullens Furnishing Mr M. C. d'E. Miller has been appointed chairman of Alcan Ekco and Mr F. M. St L. Bircher

managing director.

Mr J. E. Johnson has been elected to the board of Allied Polymer Group.

Mr W. W. Franklin is the new

assistant managing director of Young, Austen & Yoong.
Mr Peter Cooper has been appointed assistant general manager of Barclays Bank Trust

Mr J. A. Kiernander has been made a director of Lubok Invest-

Mr Chris Glasson has joined board of the Twinlock Group Mr Hugh W. Jun! in has t made general manager of Cop

Mr Frank Guest has been managing director of the Par Group.

Mr W. W. Franklin has t made assistant managing direction of Young. Austen and Young. Mr A. Emanuelsson and Dr Lindquicht have folined the brof Min Marsters.

Mr G. F. Moore has been chairman of Barking Brassy Company, a British company Company, a British company ITT. He will continue as manage director.

Mr J. N. Sharman has I made a director of Haw Par N

chant Bankers.

Mr Roy Smith has beet managing director of E Furnaces. a subsidiary of Powell Duffryn Group Hamworth Engineering.

Mr R. G. Ames is now manag director of Kenning (Londo formerly Kenning Car Mart. Mr Richard Gubbins and Christopher Oliver have join Streets Financial as accoundirectors.

Systems. Other appointments the board are Dr W. R. F. Gosl as technical director, Mr R. We commercial director and Mr L. Livesey financial director is secretary.

Freight report

A much weaker grain sector threatening to overwhelm the dry cargo freight markets last week, so much so that many of the gloomier shipbrokers were beginning to fear a slump to tanker market levels.

Oil rates meanwhile continued to ride along at rock-bottom, and the total lack of major oil company interest in Persian Gulf loaders precluded hope of

improvement.
There was a definite brittleness to dry cargo rates—all important grain premiums were lower on shipments from the United States to both Europe and the Far East. Demand for tonnage was minimal and possible sectors of future employment were losing their potential. Following reports a week previously that the Indian Government was able to ship a large proportion of its United States grain supplies without recourse to the freight markets, the United States last week can-celled the subsidy contracts to the majority of its national vessels carrying grain to Russia, because they were no

that withstood the onslaught tankers into the market, as w as those vessels made redunda-by declining industrial prodution and world demand for rematerials.

Now that the grain bolst seems to be weakening, it thought that the flood of surpl Chinese, Japanese and oth vessels, already causing owns some difficulty could overwhei the market.

This, however, was the mo pessimistic view and owner brokers considered it too ear to write the market c altogether. Freights were st at a relatively high level United States Gulf grain rat stood at \$16.50 per ton to Japa and \$8.25 to the Continentwhich, although lower, cou also reflect the temporary hol up in coal shipments caused I the United States miners' strik

Additionally, althoug America may not be the sourt of major new purchases, was by no means sure the Russia's grain demands ha been sated. There were othe areas in the world where grai-could be bought. Similarly having done it opce, there we no proof that Indians would not need their own vessels an nothing else to ship forthcon ing grain cargoes.

Brokers have long taken the view that it has been grain only that has held the market up for so long since the oil of whether the rates will go up for so long since the oil of whether the rates will go up crisis a year ago. It was grain or down.

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it midway, while rospects stay bright

5 E981,000. The dividend is up from 2.14p 2.23p gross, this giving the re net figure of 1.5p. Earn-s rose from 5.4p to 8.2p a

With a 50 per cent leap interim profit of £570,000 tax, Eucalyptus Pulp Mills orts trading conditions coning to improve during the and tax is markedly better than that of the first and tax is markedly better than the first and tax is markedly better th order book, the company ks forward to producing ery satisfactory" results for full period. In 1973 profit 1973, because of changes in Portuguese tax law, plus a quantity of new equipment forming part of the expansion programme now coming into the charge.

1t Charlotte hard-pressed s costs erode margins

Uthough turnover and trad-profits of Mount Charlotte for it beats by a good margin the previous peak level for the estments, the hotel group h certain catering interests the 40-week period to mber 6 have been boosted the inclusion for the first to of the results from Workton Brewery and from Gale ter the board say profit rgins have been hit

whole of 1973 of £6.4m and compares with £4.9m in the 1973 40-week period. But higher depreciation and finan-cial charges which have bounded from £243,000 to £324,000 lower the pretax pro-fits from £522,000 to £403,000. The attributable emerged at £394,000 against £469,000 and [urnover in the period, at earnings per share at 1.22p 8m, is a new group record against 2.07p.

Results

The following dividend and ofit statements are scheduled

DAY : Finals : Armour Trust, A. E. Jenks & Cattell, and Petrocon. Interims: C. E. Heath, London Asiatic Rubber, Marshalls (Halifax), Rugby Cement and Wyndham Engineering.
MORROW: Finals: Bass

Charrington, Land & House Property and Ranks Hovis McDougall. Interims: Geo Bassett, British Petroleum (nine months' figures), B. Elliott, Scottros and Standard & Chartered Banking. EDNESDAY: Finals: J. A.

ommodities

and Wheway Watson. THURSDAY : Finals : British Industrial Holdings, MRPC.

But

Mitchell Cotts Group, Scottish Agricultural and Whes-soe. Interims: Armitage Shanks, British Building & Engineering Appliances, Churchbury Estates, Culter Guard Bridge, Haslemere Estates, Highams, Leonons Group, Oil & Assoc Inv
Trust, Pauls & Whites,
Philips Lamp, Pilkington
Brothers, Ransome Hoffmann Pollard, Racal Electronics and Renwicks.

IDAY: Final: K Shoes. Interims: Walter Duncan & Goodricke, Midland-York-shire Holdings and Scapa

tion have more than offset any recovery in prices so far.

The symposium will consider

what steps should be taken to

increase per caput consumption and, in some cases to halt a

downward trend, in traditional

promotional techniques likely to

stimulate consumption.
Other topics will include the

benefits of coordinating the promotion efforts of individual

countries, as well as the possi-

bility and desirability of establishing an organization to undertake international generic pro-

The 13 exporting nations taking part are: Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Ceylon, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Papua New Guinea,

Tanzania, Turkey and Uganda.

Representatives from the Tes

Councils of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, France, West Germany, the United States and the United Kingdom will be present.

Jute output setback World jute output in 1974-75

has suffered a dramatic reversa

In India this predicted fall in

supplies has led to the Indian Jute Mills Association to call

for a ban on exports since normal domestic consumption alone stands at 7.5m bales. If

output is as low as forecast, stock levels would be reduced

from 3.5m to only 1m bales.

The sharp production fall has partly been because of floods in both countries and the

in the short run, steep increases

in jute prices could result in

this commodity losing its newlywon competitive edge over

Meanwhile Reuters report

year. Forecasting this to Parliament Mr Abdus Sattar, the West Bengal Agriculture Minister, said the area under Minister, said the area under

jute fell to about 700,000 acres

compared with 1.5m acres Coffee.—Member states of the Inter-African Coffee Organiza-

tion meet in Dar-es-Salaam

tomorrow to discuss the world

Coast and Libya.

Forecasting this to

synthetic substitutes.

motion of tea.

By John Woodland

Malaysian scheme depends n other producers

collowing the plan by the Whether this is part of continuior copper exporters to ing trend is not yet clear, but, but prices (which, so far, has iled miserably) Malaysia, ilaterally, has dug deep into r resources in an attempt to rieve higher rubber values. scheme announced last ek was seen as good and senn and Singapore.
It is estimated that around

export markets, and to expand demand in new markets. Discussions will be aimed at identifying the areas offering the greatest potential, and the promotional techniques likely as tonnes could be taken the rubber market which old bring supply and demand balance or perhaps slightly deficit. However, sources in ,000 to 50,000 tonnes will be

But much, if not all, depends the other major producers. Malaysia achieves the coeds, and surely it is in the ærest of the other growers come to some sort of arrangeent, then the scheme will unubtedly be a success. However, London dealers main extremely sceptical tether Indonesia or Thailand Il cooperate and check their

oduction or exports.

Overall the Malaysian plan nnot be anything but bullish t prices. The problem in the ride economic situation is uch more bearish, particutly for rubber. For instance are industrial in a major e car industry is in a major cession and there are only in hopes that the worst will

from the record production in 1973-74, Barclays Bank Group Economic Intelligence Unit reports. The two largest producers, Bangladesh and India. with nopes that the worst will be over by the spring.
Wallace Brothers Commodiscould well be right in their mining up of the current arket. They say: "We still el the lack of physical office will take the edge off this lly (spot rose 2p to 24.75p or kilo last week) before too forecast this seasons output at about 4.5m and between 5m and 6m bales respectively compared with 6m and 8m bales in 1973-74. ng and suggest selling into

ondon tea symposium A symposium on International as Market Expansion begins at arlborough House. London day. Organized by the Componwealth Secretariat in connection with the International rade Centre (Unctad/Gatt), ith the cooperation of the Food id Agriculture Organization of

United Nations it lasts

depressed prices resulting from last year's bumper crop discouraged the expansion of acreage under jute in favour of paddy rice and wheat. atil December 10. Mr Arnold Smith, the Comonwealth Secretary-General, This year's rise in prices is, the bank says, likely to cause some reversal of this trend, but ud that the symposium could a of great importance to a umber of Commonwealth counies in which tea makes a subantial contribution to foreign schange earnings. The liveli-ood of several million people epended on the industry, and from Calcutta that West Bengal will produce only a shade over 2m bales in 1974-75 compared with 3.6m bales in the previous ne decline in real terms of eceipts from tea exports was cause of much concern to the overnments of producing

The Commonwealth Secreariat says that the failure of orld demand for tea to keep ace with the increase in prouction caused a 30 per cent all in average prices at the ondon auctions between 1954 nd 1969. The agreement beween exporters at Mauritius in 469 to regulate exports was ollowed by a price rally, but as he momentum of this agreenent was lost, prices began

tomorrow to discuss the world market. Countries participating include: Togo, Nigeria, Cameroun, Gabon, Dahomey, Central African Republic, Uganda, Zaire, The Congo, Malagasy, Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Sierra Leon, Burundi, Ivory Congrand Libua rifting down again. Since September, 1969, there as been a recovery, and prices re now more healthy than they lave been for a decade.

Lucalyptus Pulp leaps | EMI seeking fresh expansion in US

While there is nothing firm compete with steel strapping—first half to September 30. From yet, EMI is looking at a wide the cost of which, Lawton range of specialised electronics believes, will rise dramatically companies in the United States as steel prices escalate.

first half to September 30. From turnover up from £6.2m to £9.6m profits at the pretax level work out at £260,000, compared with with a view to possible acquisition, according to Mr John Int Paint shines Read, the new chairman.

Since EMI's interest in acquiring two United States companies was reported recently, the group has been approached by a large number of other firms.

EMI intends to expand its United States interests through a stronger base in commercial electronics, as it did in the United Kingdom, and is looking at many different companies, public and private, large and small. Mr Read stressed that they are all non-consumer industrial electronics firms.

The group has sizeable funds available for acquisition, and purchases could run into several million dollars, he said.

Ofrex in venture

With US giant
On a 50-50 basis, Lawtons of Liverpool, an Ofrex Group subsidiary, has formed a joint company with the \$2,00m United States giant, FMC of Philadelphia and New York. The new company, Lawco-Avistrap, will manufacture and sell polypropylene strapping and equipment for the packaging and allied industries.

ing and allied industries.

The manufacturing plant, which will be the most modern in Europe, is situated close to the source of raw materials at Devenish and Mercantile
Credit Interims: Coalite & Chemical Products, Comben
Group, Deritend Stamping
and Wheway Warran

Further improvement was vouchsafed from International Paint Co, the 87.78 per cent-owned Courtaulds subsidiary, in July, which in the event takes the shape of an opening 98 per cent bound to £5.75m in pre-tax profit. The trading level also bounded from £3.25m to £6.12m. Turnover for the six months to September 30 jumped from £46.4m to £69.9m. The interim dividend is raised from

Hargreaves down

Blamed chiefly on national economic situation, Hargreaves Group reports pre-tax profits down 6.2 per cent to f1.26m for the year to September 30. Turnover however was 41 per cent higher at £38.75m. Depreciation was higher at £722,000 against £649,000 and share of associates lower at £473,000 (£593,000). Earnings a share work out at 2.8p compared with 3.1p.

The board ascribes the turnover increase largely to effects of inflation.

The interim dividend is 1.29p

Bibby & Baron

Following last year's record results Bibby & Baron (Hold-ings), the Lancashire-based paper and plastic bag and pack-aging materials group, have gone on to produce more than doubled taxable profits in the coupled with fewer opportuni-

activities, meant that taxable profits of Ocean Wilsons (Holdout at 1200,000, compared with fill0,000, after charging higher depreciation of f299,000 (f206,000) and interest charges of £97,400 (£64,000). The in-terim dividend is being raised from 1p to 1.34p, but this is largely to reduce the disparity

even though turnover improved from £11.2m to £14.8m. between interim and final pay-

Amsterdam Rbr agree Berisford bid

News has already been given that S. & W. Berisford through its Netherlands-based offshoot Catz International was making an offer for Amsterdam Rubber. This was all cash and worth £1.35m and the management of AR now recommends all share-

The offer is being made by Catz on behalf of a new wholly owned subsidiary of Berisford incorporated in the Netherlands.

Harland's qualified

Annual accounts of Harland & Wolff contains an auditors' qualification in that they are unable to express an opinion on the adequacy of the provision of some £44.7m for present estimate of losses to completion of contracts. Consequently they are unable to form an opinion whether the accounts overall truly reflect the state of the company as at December 31, 1973, and of its loss for the year to that date.

Present indications are that

full-year profit will not be less than last term's £1.61m. The market value of investments was £1.92m at the end of the half, against £3.23m a year

ties for exceptional out-of-port

ings) rose by only £17,000 to £767,000 in the half to July 31

Tomkinsons' surplus

A revaluation of the land and buildings of Tomkinsons (Holdings), carpet manufacturers, has given a net surplus of £484,000 which has been credited to

But on the profits front things are not so bright with the pre-tax in the year to September 28 down by 34 per cent, from £915,000 to £603,000, our of turnover increased from £7.3m to £7.9m. Earnings were 10.9p (18.5p) a share and the dividend is 5.47p (5.25p), the same

KLEEN-E-ZE Interim pre-tax £125,000 (£155,000). Dividend 1.31p (1.25p).

THOMAS HARDMAN THOMAS HARDMAN

For six months to October 5
turnover £357,000 (£295,000) and
pre-tax £33,000 (£49,000). Margins
eroded and future "impondereroded and future "imponder-able", say board, but they expect to raise total dividend from 2.2p

ATTWOOD GARAGES Drop in interim pre-tax from £45,000 to £21,000 and board states likely full results will be lower. Earnings 0.48p (1.11p) a share with dividend 0.91p (0.87p), the same net.

Brokers'views

A review of prospects for chemicals shares from Williams de Broe Hill Chaplin follows hard on the heels of last week's report on third-quarter trading at ICL It gives warning that FI Actuaries Chemicals Index has outstripped the fall in the marthis relative weakness can be expected to continue, because slackening demand as new plant is commissioned will hit

profits.

But Hill Chaplin recommends holding sbares in ICI, Croda International and Laporte In-dustries, where it thinks pressure on earnings will be offset by other factors. The suspect ones on the chemical pitch, Chaplin thinks, are the shares of Fisons, and Hickson Welch, where current ratings overestimate future profits growth, and of British Oxygen, where an additional factor is the future composition and funding "

Only shares in Albright & Wilson, Yorkshire Chemicals and Coalite and Chemical are seen as definite "buys"—and in the case of the last-named, the speculative nature of the situation is emphasized.

Hill Chaplin also takes a look at both Tesco Stores (Holdings) and House of Fraser, in the light of their respective trading statements. Shares in Tesco are recommended as a "hold"—on the grounds that cost-cutting, ability now to raise gross margins and planned increases in selling area will enable Tesco to resist the defensive trend of the industry. For the full year 1974-5, pre-tax profit of £21.4m is predicted. Fraser is also

The outlook for the brewers at a time of disappointing beer sales, and lean times ahead for the customers, has attracted market interest. Both Fielding Newson-Smith (in its annual survey of major brewers) and Gerald Hodgson Fuller examine the problem at length this week.

They agree that the brewery sector should probably main tain its premium rating.

Bass Charrington is recommended by both firms. Fielding buy", but Fuller is wary of the group, chiefly because of the Trust Houses Forte stake. And on the other side of the scales Fuller sees shares in Scottish & Newcastle as a "sell" in a period of hard competition among the brewers and misfortunes for the hoteliers.
Gloomy predictions for the
United Kingdom and Western
economies are not hard to find. Phillips & Drew sees the " worst

recession in private investment since the thirties depression" and expects emergency measures before next spring. Kemp-Gee regards an economic crisis as probable rather than possible, and advise inves-tors to run for cash. Rowe & Pitman compares the present bear market to the Great War and urges us to maintain liquidity and buy "survival equities"— by which it means the overseas earners like BATs, Distillers

Simon & Coates finds no reason to be hopeful for either gilts or equities. Almost the only spark in the gloom is struck by Charterhouse Group. whose business forecast predicts that the current pressures on industry will provide a healthier basis for expansion in 1976.

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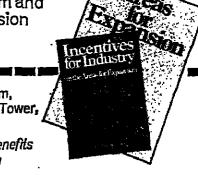
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American Financial will sell Bantam to Fiat interests

ner, American Financial chair. for the year.

American Financial acquired Bantam through a merger with National General Corporation in 1973. AF said from the outset that it intended to dispose of Bantam, a major publisher of paperback books, along with other non-financial assets of National General.

With the sale of Bantam, those dispositions will be completed, he said. Previously, the company sold a theatre chain, a movie-distribution enterprise, and another publisher.

Bantam books will have sales in 1974 of herween \$15m and on turnover up from £1.3m

in 1974 of between \$15m and \$80m and is having its most profitable year ever.
The remaining asset acquired through the National General merger, and the major reason for making that transaction, is that Great American Insurance

Cincinnati, Dec 1 - American Co, the casualty insurance Financial Corporation has group, contrary to the experi-agreed to sell Bantam Books ence of many other insurers this Inc to a Luxembourg holding year, had a record profit for the first nine months, he went company associated with Fiat on. Indications are that the interests for \$70m cash and fourth quarter also will be notes, reports Mr Carl H. Lind- strong, producing record results

IFI is a company in which the Agnelli family, which controls
Fiat, the Italian carmaker, has
a major interest. Among its
many assets are holdings in
Fiat-Fabbri, a major newspaper

are up from £193,000 to £307,000 on turnover up from £1.3m to £2.07m, the group is under considerable cash flow pressure, as costs rise. The board hopes that the present level of margins can

Bank Base

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A United States subsidiary of IFI International SA will pay \$60m in cash, plus \$10m in notes guaranteed by IFI, he added. Closing is scheduled for December 20.

American Financial, a financial holding company, expects to derive about 60 per cent of 1974 profit from casualty insurance. The company also owns banking, savings and loan, leasing and newspaper publishing subsidiaries. American Financial, a finan-

> publisher, various insurance enterprises, a cement producer and other investments.—AP-DJ

Although interim pre-tax profits of Silkolene Lubricants be maintained for the rest of the year. The dividend is up from 0.65p to 0.7p.

The Times Share Indices

The Times Share Indices for 29.11.74 /base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1988:

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Largest financial shares Largest financial	78.90	11.37	-	+0,80
and industrial spares	67.75	13.29	_	-0.47
Commodityshares	163.14	11.31	22.31	+3.66
field Mixing shares	559.85	5.64	8.07	+0,88
Industrial debenture stocks	68.21	9.50*	_	-0.04
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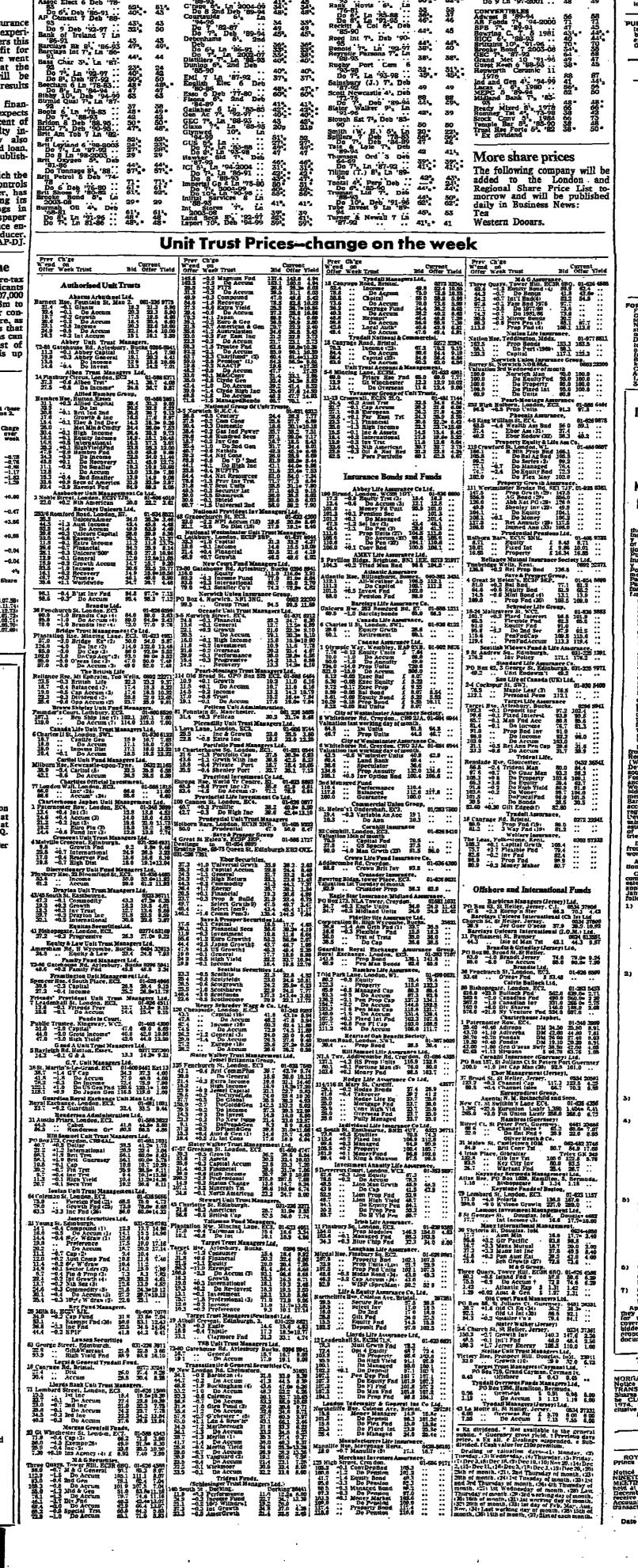
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29th November, 1974



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> INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESSMAN (ELDER STATESMAN?) with up to £50,000, possibly with Export experience, in large international antique business. This Company has an impressive growth record to date and an extramely aromising future.

Please write in first instance to Box 0288 M. The Times.

PUBLISHING COMPANY (local and lechnical periodicals). London based, seeks £10,000 finance for expansion. Equity available.—Box 0336 M. The Times. **BUSINESSES FOR SALE**

GALLOWAY FAIRSEAT HOTEL,

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This highly successful busi-ness is offered for sale as a going concern The hotel is a lavourite haunt of discriminating diners and the accumodation includes Public Bar, Lounga Bar, Dining room, Rendents' Lounge, 7 Bedrooms 12 with bath, bath, buth, 12 with hath, 12 with the control of t privale bath). ; kitchen premises, etc. For particulars apply to A & A. Matthews, Solicitors ewion Stewart. Telephon

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CONTRACT AND TENDERS

THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY NATIONAL SOCIETY OF TEXTILE INDUSTRIES (SONITEX)

INTERNATIONAL

INVITATIONS TO TENDER

La Societe Nationale des Industries Textiles (SONITEX) is at present inviting tenders from firms for work to be carried out on false ceilings necessary for the expansion of its textile plant in Drau-Ben Khedda.

The files together with the descriptions and length of the work can be collected from 11th November, 1974, from: SONITEX, Direction des Projets, 5 rue Abana Ramaane, Alviene

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INSTITUTO DE RECURSOS HIDRAULICOS Y ELECTRIFICACION REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION Notice is hereby given that the Director General of the Director General of the Institute de Recursos Hidraulicos y Electrificación of the Recubilic of Panama will receive applications for prequalification at the Purchasing Department of the Institute de Recursos Hidraulicos Purchasing Department of the Institute de Recursos Hidraulicos Purchasing Department of the Institute de Recursos Hidraulicos Policer de Carlos de Panama City, Republic of Panama from prospective bidders for the following proposed work for the Fortuma Project:

Construction of an under-fround rock excavated power-house with 400 m. vertical cable shaft, a 1500 m. screes tunnel and appurienant works for two (2) 85 MW impulse turbine generators and future provision for one (1) 85 MW intr. sources to cover the cost of this bank and corresponding to the regulations of the world Bank only proposals from bidders who are established member countries of the World Bank and in Swirerland will be accepted. In accordance with the regulations of the InterAmerican Levelopment Bank, only proposals from bidders who are established in member countries of this bank and eligible countries of this bank and eligible countries will be accepted.

IRHE intends to call for blds from prequalified hidders for the work during February, 1975. Applications for Presmilifica-Contractors with experience in comparable work who are interested in prequalification may apply, in English, not later than January 6, 1975 giving the following information. Name of contractor "indi-vidual Partnership. Cor-poration Limited. Company, Joint Venture). date of organization, places of regi-siration, official addresses thow long at this address?).

authors:

If Joint Venture, same as above for each participating contractor and the proposed extent of participation of each in this project. Performance history on work * of a similar nature during the past five 151 years, including: Nature of work location, name of client functive representative and sider completion, actual date of completion, actual contract cost, bid price to client,

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TRANSFER BOOKS MORGAN-GRAMPIAN Limited.
Notice is hereby riven that the
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By Order of the Board, M. M. HUDSON, Secretary PUBLIC NOTICES

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC Prince Consort Road, South Kensington, S.W.7.

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Date 2nd December, 1974.

The work is on offer in 1 lot:

These tenders should be left by 20th December at the latest before 6 p.m. at : Secretariat de la Direction des Projets, 5 Rue Albana Ramaane, Algiers.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Dated this 27th day of November.

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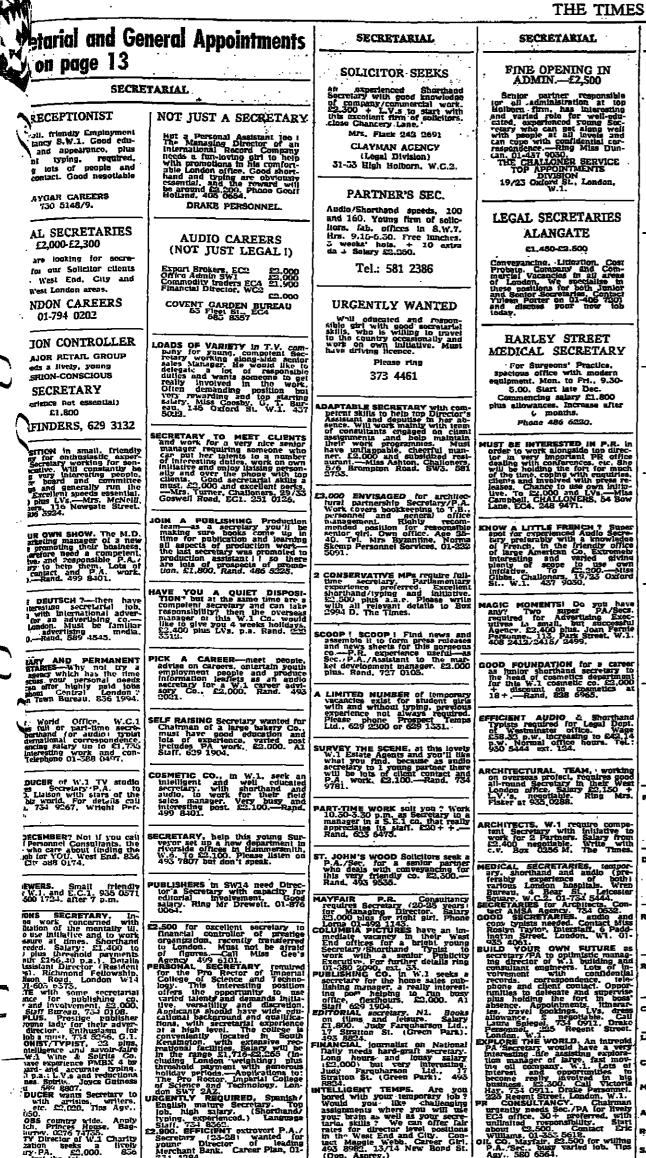
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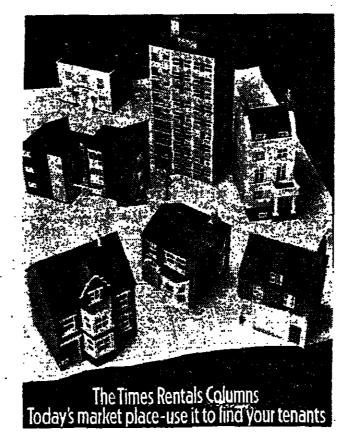
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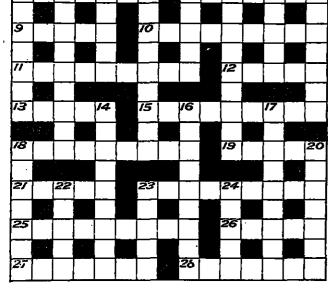
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18 Farmworkers' dance (9).

20 Whence came Morris's news (7).

21 Friendly conveyance ? (5).

21 Money, a man's game (5). 23 Unwritten rule at Clapham ?

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